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June, 2025 | Tbilisi, I Multistakeholder Workshop



May, 2024 | Tbilisi, Integrated Urban Planning Presentation



1 Multistakeholder Workshops



November, 2025 | Tbilisi, II Multistakeholder Workshop

Fostering collaboration and active engagement among diverse stakeholders is a core pillar of SUDA's work.

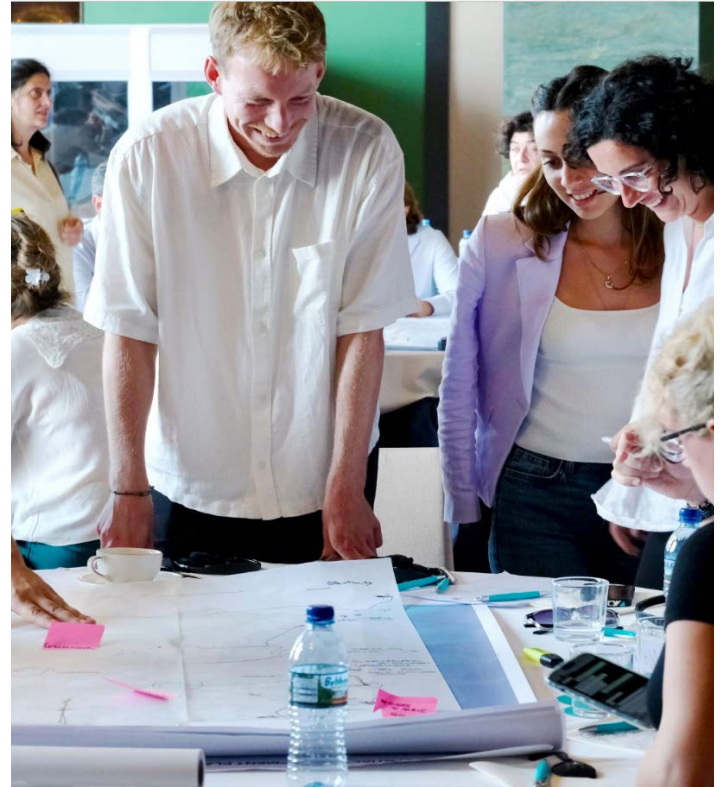
Within the framework of the ADB-funded Liveable Cities Investment Program and SUDA's Capacity Development Program, the first **Multi-Stakeholder Workshop brought together representatives from ministries, municipalities, agencies, and other stakeholders** to discuss challenges and opportunities within Georgia's spatial and urban planning system.

The workshop focused on **strengthening coordination, improving institutional cooperation, and identifying practical solutions for more integrated planning processes.**

Participants emphasized the importance of **stronger coordination mechanisms led by SUDA**, improved digital and geospatial systems, enhanced cooperation with municipalities, and increased awareness and education around planning processes.



Septmber, 2025 | Workshop Activities for Mukhrani Valley Spatial Plan



July, 2025 | Workshop Activities for Coastal Zone Spatial Plan

2 Workshops



March, 2026 | Workshop Activities for Akhaltsikhe and Ozurgeti General Plans

Participatory planning is a central component of SUDA's ongoing planning processes and methodology. Throughout nearly every stage of plan preparation SUDA supports organization of workshops, consultations, and collaborative stakeholder engagement activities.

These processes bring together representatives from municipalities, government agencies, sectoral institutions, local communities, private sector actors, experts, and civil society organizations around a **shared working platform**.

The objective of these engagements is to foster continuous dialogue, strengthen coordination between institutions, and ensure that **planning processes are inclusive, transparent, and responsive to local needs and priorities**. By creating opportunities for discussion and collective problem-solving, participatory workshops help build shared ownership of planning outcomes and contribute to more integrated and widely supported development frameworks.

Stakeholder engagement activities are implemented based on dedicated **stakeholder engagement plans** developed for each project.



March, 2026 | Public Hearing In Pasaauri



May, 2025 | Public Hearing In Manglisi

3 Public Hearings



March, 2025 | Public Hearing for the Bazaleti Spatial Plan

Public hearings are regarded by SUDA not merely as a formal guaranteed procedural requirement, but as an important instrument for raising public awareness and strengthening understanding of the long-term value and benefits of spatial and urban planning.

In addition to creating opportunities for participation and co-design, these processes help communities better understand planning objectives, development challenges, and long-term territorial visions. By encouraging open dialogue and knowledge-sharing, public hearings contribute to building a **stronger culture of planning, increasing public trust**, and promoting more informed and active community involvement in shaping local development.



2025-2026 | Training Series for Municipalities

4 Trainings



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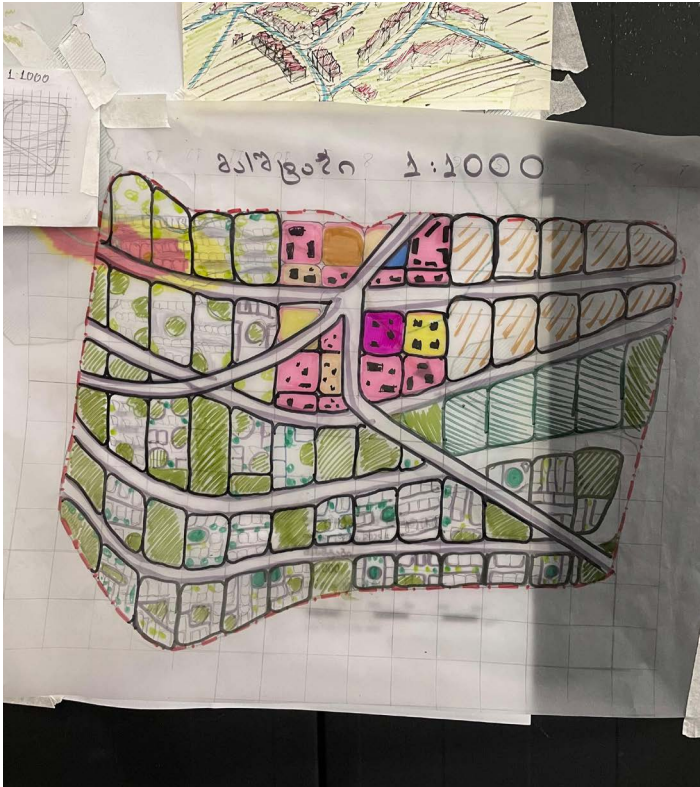
As part of the training series organized by SUDA, specialists across all regions of Georgia participated in **capacity-building activities and professional retraining.**

The training program was implemented nationwide to support the introduction of a **unified information system for urban and spatial planning processes** across the regions. Through this integrated digital platform, procedures such as obtaining construction permits, submitting urban development projects, and carrying out all other processes defined by the Spatial Planning and Construction Code can be conducted remotely.



May, 2025 | Bakhmaro Workshop , Architectural Competition Process, Tbilisi

5 Competitions



May, 2025 | Bakhmaro Workshop, Sketching Process

Organizing competitions is an important part of SUDA's approach to capacity building and stakeholder engagement for **young professionals**. These initiatives encourage students and emerging professionals to engage in real spatial and urban planning processes while developing practical skills and innovative ideas.

The Bakhmaro workshop focused on identifying safe development areas and preparing conceptual detailed development plans that respond to environmental risks, landscape conditions, and the unique character of the resort . Through site analysis, collaborative design exercises, and final presentations, participants explored sustainable planning approaches for high-mountain settlements while contributing ideas for the future development of **Bakhmaro**. The event concluded with an exhibition and discussion of the student proposals, highlighting the value of involving young professionals in contemporary planning practice.

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6 Spatial Forum - 2023



April, 2023 | Rustavi Site Visit

Topic: **Spatial Planning Georgia 2023**

- 5** high-level speakers
- 6** Sessions
- 50** Special Guests
- 500** attendees

The Spatial and Urban Development Agency (SUDA) supported by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development (MOESD), organised a forum held on **April 25-28, 2023**.

The International Spatial Forum “Spatial Planning Georgia 2023” was organized by the Spatial and Urban Development Agency and took place from April 25 to 28, 2023.

The conference brought together around 50 international and local experts. Within the framework of the forum, participants reviewed the draft technical assignment for the National Spatial Plan of Georgia, **assessed the current state of spatial planning in the country**, and discussed the necessity of a national spatial planning framework.

Experts also visited selected study areas across Georgia, worked in thematic groups, and exchanged international experience and best practices. Based on these discussions, final conclusions, presentations, and a concluding resolution were prepared.

The event was attended by approximately 500 participants, including representatives of the executive and legislative authorities, local governments, diplomatic missions, international organizations, academic and professional institutions, and invited guests.

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Georgia National Urban Forum 2024
June, 2024 | Tbilisi, Georgia

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7 Georgia National Urban Forum - 2024



June, 2024 | Panel Discussion GNUF

Topic: **Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development**

5 high-level speakers

4 Panel Discussions

22 Panel Guests

200 Attendees

The Georgian National Urban Forum (GNUF) organized by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development (MOESD) and Spatial and Urban Development Agency (SUDA) supported by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) was held on **June 20-21, 2024.**

The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia and the LEPL Spatial and Urban Development Agency (SUDA), with the support of UN-Habitat, organized the first Georgia National Urban Forum (GNUF), held on 20–21 June 2024.

The Forum brought together national and international experts, representatives of public institutions, municipalities, international organizations, academia, and professional communities to discuss the National Spatial Development Concept and the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into planning processes.

Over the course of two days, panel discussions addressed key dimensions of spatial and urban development and contributed to the formulation of a set of **declared actions** and recommendations.



8 Georgia National Urban Forum - 2025



June, 2025 | Panel Discussion GNUF2

Topic: **Planning in Mountainous Areas**

4 high-level speakers

4 Panel Discussions

21 Panel Guests

200 Attendees

Georgian National Urban Forum (GNUF) organized by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development (MOESD) and Spatial and Urban Development Agency (SUDA) supported by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) was held on **June 11-13, 2025**.

The Spatial and Urban Development Agency (SUDA), with the support of UN-Habitat, organized the Third International Forum on the Sustainable Development of Mountain Settlements. The Forum served as a platform for dialogue on the challenges facing high-mountain communities and facilitated the exchange of knowledge, best practices, planning tools, and sustainable development approaches among stakeholders.

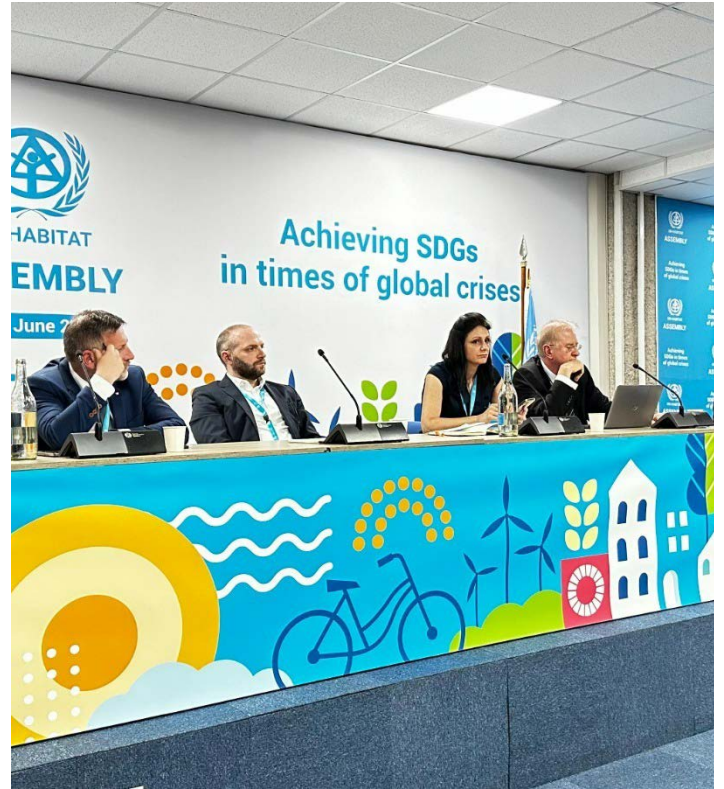
Within the framework of the Forum, international and national experts conducted field visits to mountain settlements.

Mountain settlements represent some of the most vulnerable territories in the context of climate change and rapid urbanization. Challenges such as glacier retreat, depopulation, and increasing tourism pressures pose significant risks to the long-term sustainability and livability of these areas. In this regard, integrated spatial planning plays a critical role in promoting sustainable territorial development, safeguarding living conditions, and preserving cultural and natural heritage.

The Forum brought together experts, representatives of local self-government, academic institutions, and other relevant stakeholders to strengthen cooperation and promote more resilient and sustainable development approaches for mountain regions. The discussions contributed to the development of a set of **declared actions** and recommendations.



November, 2024 | World Urban Forum 12, Egypt



June, 2023 | The second session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly, Kenya

9 International Activities



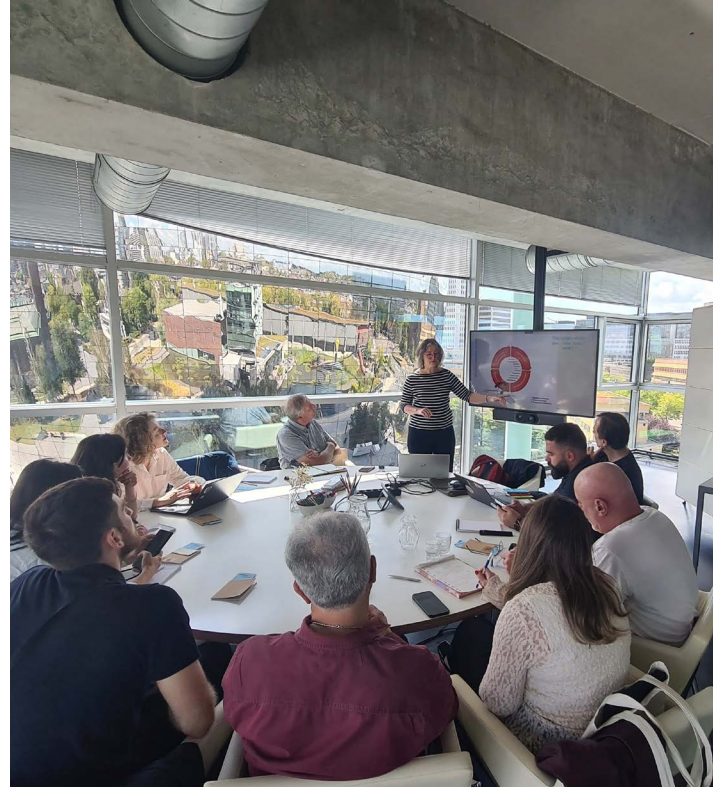
April, 2026 | National Urban Forum, Serbia

International cooperation and knowledge exchange are key components of SUDA's institutional development and capacity-building approach. Through active participation in international forums, professional networks, and study visits, the agency continues to strengthen its expertise in spatial and urban planning while fostering collaboration with international partners and institutions.

Over the years, SUDA has actively participated in major international and regional events focused on sustainable urban development, territorial governance, and planning practices. Among these are the **World Urban Forum**, as well as **National Urban Forums organized in Azerbaijan, and Serbia**.



November, 2024 | Building National Spatial Data infrastructure, South Korea



September, 2025 | Study Tour, Netherlands



July, 2024 | SUDA Delegation Visit to the Scottish Government, UK

SUDA participated in a series of professional study visits aimed at exploring international best practices in integrated spatial planning, urban regeneration, mobility systems, landscape protection, and participatory planning approaches.

In 2024, a delegation from the Spatial and Urban Development Agency conducted an official visit to the **Scottish Government** with the objective of strengthening institutional cooperation and exchanging experience in the fields of spatial planning, urban development, and sustainable governance. The visit provided an opportunity to discuss policy approaches, planning frameworks, and mechanisms for intergovernmental coordination, while fostering dialogue on resilient, inclusive, and sustainable territorial development.

In 2025, within the framework of the Capacity Development Programme, SUDA conducted a study visit to **the Netherlands**, where the Agency met with representatives of Dutch public institutions and private sector organisations to exchange experience and discuss approaches related to spatial and urban development.



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