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THE NATIONAL BANK OF GEORGIA INTRODUCES A NEW PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATED TRANSFERS AND ELECTRONIC SETTLEMENTS

The National Bank of Georgia (NBG) has successfully completed the modernization of its Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and clearing systems, marking the most significant upgrade to Georgia's financial infrastructure since 2009. Implemented with support from the World Bank, the new system is fully based on the international ISO 20022 standard, enabling faster, safer, and more efficient payment services. The upgraded infrastructure strengthens Georgia's payment ecosystem, supports future innovations such as instant payments and digital financial services, and expands access for non-bank payment providers. The project reinforces the country's commitment to modern, competitive, and internationally aligned financial services.

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NATIONAL BANK OF GEORGIA TOOK PART IN IMF-WORLD BANK SPRING MEETINGS

The Georgian delegation, led by Governor of National Bank Natia Turnava and Finance Minister Lasha Khutsishvili participated in IMF-World Bank Spring meetings. Georgian delegation met with IMF leadership, including Deputy Managing Director Bo Li, Middle East and Central Asia Director Jihad Azour and Executive Director Jeroen Clicq. Discussions focused on regional cooperation, the strategic role of the Middle Corridor, and Georgia's increasing significance as a stable economic and financial hub amid ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

Natia Turnava also participated in Central Bank Governors Roundtable and Discussion of Female Central Bank Leaders. Governor and Minister also attended IMF Roundtable, main topics of which included risks of a slowdown in global economic growth, inflationary pressures, the impact of geopolitical factors, and the importance of regional cooperation. Governor emphasized that Georgia's political stability, transparent reforms, modern infrastructure, and logistics capabilities position the country to attract additional cargo flows, investment, and international business operations.

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NBG DELEGATION MEETS WITH THE GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

At the IMF and World Bank Spring Meetings, Governor Turnava met with Governor of Central Bank of the UAE, Khaled Mohamed Balama to discuss developments in the financial sectors of both countries. Turnava highlighted the resilience and strong liquidity of Georgia's banking system, while both sides exchanged views on supervisory practices and payment infrastructure modernization.

The meeting concluded with both parties expressing interest in strengthening future cooperation and knowledge-sharing between the two central banks.

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NBG GOVERNOR AND FINANCE MINISTER MEET WITH INTERNATIONAL INVESTORS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

During the IMF and World Bank Spring Meetings in Washington, D.C., Natia Turnava and Lasha Khutsishvili met with representatives of more than 20 international investment groups from the United States, Europe, and Asia to promote Georgia's investment potential.

The Georgian delegation highlighted the country's stable macroeconomic environment, emphasizing controlled inflation, prudent fiscal and monetary policies, and continued economic growth despite global uncertainty and geopolitical challenges.

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INNOVATIVE INVESTMENT PROJECT PRESENTATION LAUNCHED BY TETHER

National Bank of Georgia Governor Natia Turnava participated and delivered opening remarks to the presentation of an investment project by Tether, highlighting Georgia's commitment to fostering financial innovation and digital finance.

Governor later met with senior executives of Tether, including founder Giancarlo Devasini and CEO Paolo Ardoino, to discuss financial innovation and investment opportunities.

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THE NBG OFFERS BROKERAGE COMPANIES PARTICIPATION IN THE REGULATORY SANDBOX PROJECT FOR TOKENIZED BONDS

The National Bank of Georgia has launched a new regulatory sandbox initiative focused on tokenized bonds, reinforcing its commitment to fintech innovation and the development of a modern digital financial ecosystem. The project invites supervised brokerage companies to test innovative models for issuing, recording, and trading bonds through blockchain-based digital tokens.

Tokenized bonds represent a digital version of traditional bonds, allowing for more efficient issuance, automated servicing, and improved market accessibility.

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