

On July 1, 2015, step-by-step analogue terrestrial broadcasting signal shut down has begun within Georgia which will be completed by August 25. In regard to this process, meetings of informational nature are underway in the regions of Georgia led by the representatives of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, Digital Broadcasting Agency of Georgia, "TV Radio Center of Georgia "Ltd, GNCC and non-governmental organization "Institute for Development of Freedom of Information." During the reform, parties involved will supply the local population of specific regions with detailed information in connection to the transition to digital broadcasting several days prior to the analogue signal shut down.

As a reminder, in order to receive digital broadcasting, population will require a set-top-box equipment supporting DVB-T2 standard or a TV set. Also, to receive a guaranteed signal, the roof-mounted metric-decimeter antenna is required. However, in some cases it is possible to use a room antenna aimed towards the TV tower. In support of the population, the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development as a result of negotiations with the banking sector has reached an agreement that has been already developed and put into practice in regard to purchasing set-top-boxes on credit at favorable terms. The government has also developed a subsidy in the scope of which, the socially vulnerable families (70 000 and less in rating points) have received a digital signal receiving equipment free of charge.

Information about the transition to digital broadcasting is being regularly published through electronic and print media outlets. Also, the information is available at the hot line of Digital Broadcasting Agency as well as the hot lines of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Public Defender's Office under GNCC and commercial multiplex operator "Stereo+".

**Digital Broadcasting Agency**: 1480, 2 2414 80, 2 251480;

Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia: 2 9911 49, 2 991041, 2 991058;

"Stereo +" :2 051212;

Public Defender's Office under GNCC: 2 399505.



## August 17, Samtskhe-Javakheti

August 17, Monday, 1 pm.
Shalva Akhaltsikheli str №2
City of Akhaltsikhe
Governor Administration assembly hall

August 17, Monday, 3 pm Meskheti str №5 Borjomi Town Hall



## August 18, Kvemo Kartli

August 18, Tuesday, 2 pm Rustaveli str №73 Marneuli Town Hall conference hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor



## 19 აგვისტო, კახეთი

August 19, Wednesday, 12 pm University str №3 Telavi

Telavi State University Assembly Hall, 2nd Floor



## August 20-21, Mtskheta-Mtianeti

August 20, Thursday, 1 pm A. Kazbegi str №1 Kazbegi

Board meeting room

August 21, Friday, 1 pm Rustaveli str №67 Tianeti Board meeting room