

Governance

Capacity Building in International Relations



Background

After the collapse of the Soviet regime, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia were not adequately prepared for conducting foreign relations. The South Caucasus governments still need to build the capabilities of the civil servants, especially in *foreign, political, and economical relations*, and in particular in humanitarian laws and *human rights applications*, as well as in *negotiation skills*.

General Information

Project region:
South Caucasus

Project duration:
2001-2007

Total budget:
CHF 2'200'000

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Objectives

The goals of the project are:

1. to increase accountability and transparency in the management of public affairs
2. to improve conditions for an effective representation of the South Caucasus countries on the international scene
3. to contribute to regional exchanges and cooperation between Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia

Expected Results	Activities
Young diplomats and international officers to have increased their knowledge in the field of human rights, humanitarian law, international economics and negotiation techniques, to a sufficient level	Organization of bi-annual training courses
Sustainable links between civil servants from South Caucasus countries are established	Creation and development of 'alumni councils' from among the course graduates
Organizational capabilities of local partner NGOs are developed	Local NGO partners to participate in the organization of training courses

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