



Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Georgian National Committee

History of establishment

The initiative group of the Georgian National Committee of Helsinki Citizens' Assembly (hCa GNC) has been established on the basis of the Association of National Accord, in 1989. In 1992, hCa GNC was recognized as an international structure. Formally, the organization was registered on 14th December 1995 and re-registered took place on 24th December 1998.

hCa GNC is one of the first human rights/peace organizations operating in Georgia and in the Caucasian Region. hCa GNC was developed out of the small informal group "Platoon after Noe Zhordania", created in a unit of the Soviet Army, which further transformed into the Group "Mokvare" (Relative). In the next step it became the Association of National Accord of Georgia.

Together with a wide network of organizations, it has made significant and extraordinary contributions to the prevention of new conflicts and mass bloodshed, as well as to the improvement of the conditions for persons who became victims of war and violence.

hCa GNC Today

hCa GNC is a national committee, part of the pan-European peace movement, supporting the process of European integration at the level of civil society. hCa GNC is an NGO and understands itself as a peace movement too.

hCa GNC Mission

The hCa GNC supports the development of peace and of a stable democratic and pluralist society in Georgia. This includes the diversification and development of the civil society institutes in Georgia, as well as of the subjects of social politics and economics. hCa GNC's activities support the regional integration of the countries of Southern Caucasus, ensuring stable civil security in the Southern Caucasian Region, the resolution and prevention of the conflicts.

hCa GNC acts as organization – facilitator and its activities support peaceful civil initiatives, assist to self-organization and self-management of civil groups.

Structure and Direction of the Activities

hCa GNC is one of the most experienced and efficient organizations in the region. The effectiveness of its activities results from its unique structure and system of network collaboration of organizations of the partnership network of hCa GNC.

Currently hCa GNC represents a peace movement – a wide network of NGOs and regional associations. It is working at different levels on such significant issues like human security, prevention, transformation and resolution of conflicts.

The key principle of the partnership organizations is the mutual supplementing and orientation towards a high significance social impact on the society.

For the purpose of harmonic co-existence and the development of the European community, hCa GNC implements the following activities: trainings and seminars, arrangement and participation in international and local congresses, symposia, discussions, conferences and forums; collaboration with local, regional and international organizations, publication and dissemination of information bulletins and other special literature; creation of NGOs in Georgia and their support in all regions of the South Caucasus; development of a libraries' network.

The center piece of the network is the Caucasus Institute for Regional Security, a think-tank which reunites experts, scientists, researchers of the whole Caucasian region providing their professional expertise on the organization's programs and projects.