

# Development conference aims to continue success stories

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**A** Local Economic Development Planning Conference, gathering together government representatives, NGOs and donor orga-

Georgia Millennium Challenge fund (MCG), the project will be completed in 2008.

The Development Planning Conference—organized by Cooperative Housing Foundation

**“ Business is currently concentrated in the capital, Tbilisi, and that’s why the regions are not in such good condition. I want to pay attention to this issue, and suggest the organizations behind these projects try and foresee what regions need, and plan accordingly. ”**

*Vice-Speaker of Parliament Jemal Inaishvili*

nizations to share skills in development programmes, was held at the Courtyard Marriott on September 7.

A major development success story of recent years has been the improved quality of life for Poti residents, including the establishment of a reliable water supply, thanks to five years of Urban Institute and USAID involvement in town planning processes.

The project began in 2003 and having secured a water infrastructure development grant from the

(CHF), International Georgia, Urban Institute and International Association Civitas Georgia supported by USAID—was aimed at making successes like this a more regular occurrence.

Vice-Speaker of Parliament Jemal Inaishvili welcomed the organizers, expressing thanks to USAID and CHF for supporting economic development in Georgia.

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