## Women's NGO Coalition of Georgia

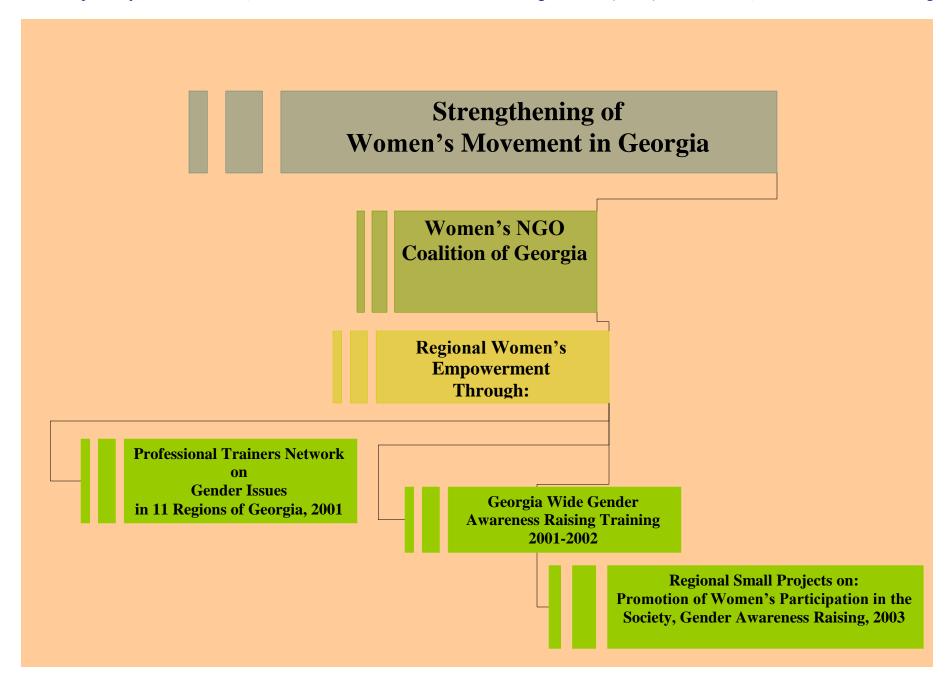
Having studied and analyzed the existed situation and the demands, the ODIHR designed a strategy aimed at uniting the women's NGOs in Georgia and ultimately supporting their development and viability. The special programme was led by Ms. Tiina Ilsen, Gender Advisor, Gender Unit, ODIHR/OSCE.

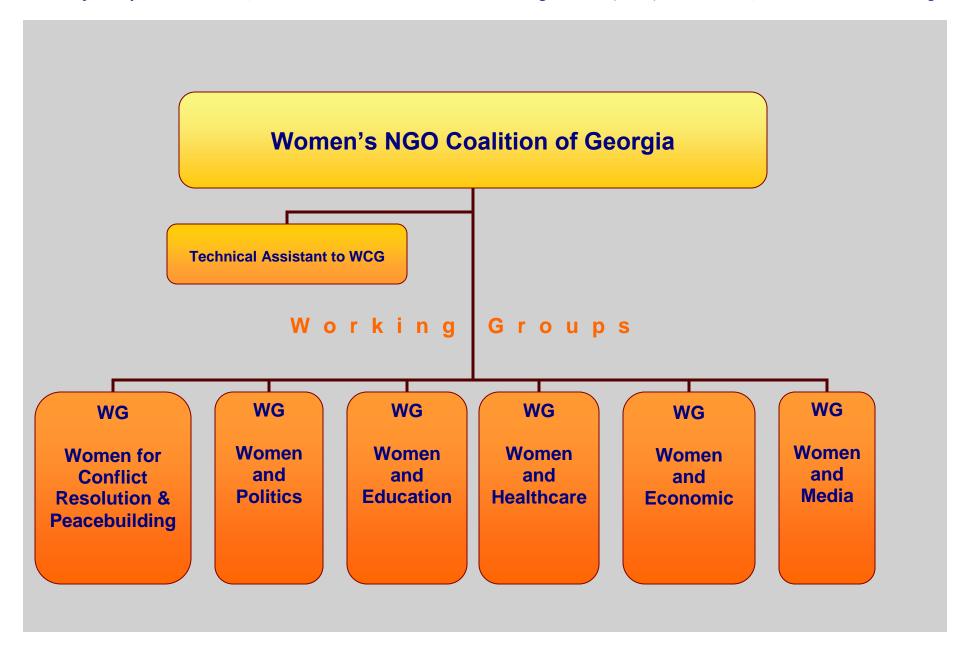
In June 2000 Ms. Ilsen called for a meeting inviting the leader women of those non-governmental organizations that work on women's issues in Georgia. The training 'Leader Women and Creation of Women's NGO Coalition in Georgia' was organized for them led by ODIHR/OSCE expert trainers invited for the specific task. The training aimed at developing gender related issues awareness, as well as at establishing the coalition and developing the necessary skills for its effective management. As a result of the training session, the Coalition of Women's Non-governmental Organizations of Georgia was established.

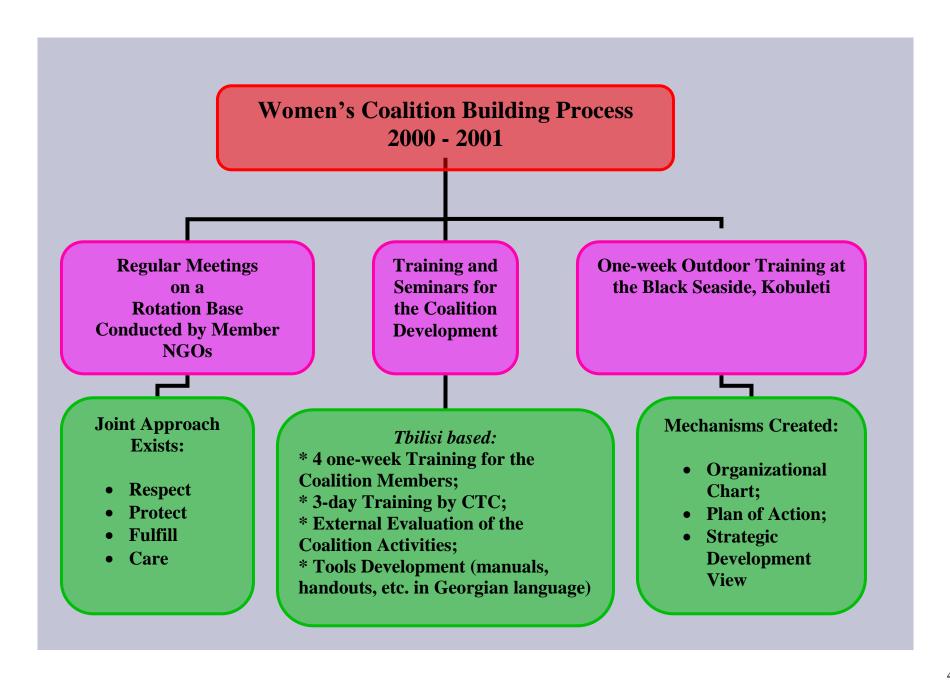
Following the ODIHR/OSCE programme supporting the Coalition, its members underwent several additional trainings in 2000-03. As a result the following were finalized: the Coalition regulations and the action plan, 6 working groups (Women and Politics, Women and Education, Women and Health Care, Women and Economics, and Women in Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding, Women and Media), the Coalition structure and its function, as well as the mechanism for its effective running.

The Coalition of Women's Non-governmental Organizations of Georgia is the body created and launched as a result of the conscious desire and acute necessity expressed by the leader women of Georgia.

The effective launch of the Coalition enhanced women's initiatives, the idea of gender equality and made the activities directed towards it more realistic and unified frames. The Coalition presents an excellent opportunity for the women to tackle the problems together, to direct their efforts towards reaching their ultimate goal.







## Women's Issues Applied

Monitoring of Women Prisoners, Prison Conditions, 2001

WEB Development for Women's NGO Coalition of Georgia, 2001

Combating Domestic Violence: Training for Police and NGOs, 2003

National Anti-Violence Service for Women & Children Protection (NAVS)

Regional Committees Support for Development, 2002-2003 (all 11 Committees)

Anti-Trafficking Training in Regions, 2003

Regional Conference on Women's Issues in Media, 2003

OSCE ODIHR Meetings and Seminars in Warsaw Participated by Women from Georgia

