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Better Enterprises – Cleaner Environment - Green Economy

Consultative Dialogue

Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) for manufacturing sector in Georgia

4th June 09:00 – 13:00

Rooms Hotel Tbilisi, #14 Merab Kostava Street

Background

The European Commission has established EaP GREEN, a Partnership for Environment and Growth that supports the Government of Georgia and other members of the Eastern Partnership to start the transformation to a green economy (<http://www.eap-green.org>). Within the framework of EaP GREEN the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) implements a Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) Programme in Georgia (www.recp.ge).

RECP is a globally proven approach to improve productivity and reduce environmental impacts of enterprises in manufacturing and associated sectors (www.unido.org/cp). This is good for business, the environment and climate, and indeed economy and society at large, as has also been confirmed by the findings in 10 demonstration companies from food, construction materials and chemical sectors in Georgia since 2014.

A consultative dialogue is called to further explore the relevance and benefits of RECP in Georgia, in the context of national development objectives and business interests, with a view to further foster inclusive and sustainable industrial development of the country. The dialogue results will guide further communication and outreach activities aimed at mobilizing manufacturing enterprises to adapt and adopt RECP, as a way to improve their business.

Objectives and Approach

The consultative dialogue is organized to draw on the expertise and insights of stakeholders representing government, business and civil society to customize and domesticate RECP to national context in Georgia, including business and government agendas, natural resource and environmental issues, business organization, language and culture.

Participants are first invited to reflect on RECP concept and terminology and improve it to ease understanding and acceptance of RECP in Georgia, in particular among manufacturing and related enterprises. Next, the dialogue will zoom into the current environment and natural resource situation in the country, as determinants of the business environment in Georgia. Throughout it is aimed to identify good environment and resource conservation practices of enterprises, and understand their motivation and benefits.

Provisional agenda

08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00-09:25	<p>Opening Remarks and Tour de Table</p> <p>Introductions by co-facilitators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Zinaida FADEEVA, Senior Specialist – Policy & Strategy, United Nations University – Institute for the Advanced Studies of Sustainability • A/Prof Thomas LINDHQVIST, International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics 	<p>Mrs. Irma Kavtaradze, deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</p> <p>Malkhaz ADEISHVILII national RECP coordinator, UNIDO</p>
09:25-11:00	<p>Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP): towards a taxonomy for Georgia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Concept and Terminology • Break out group discussions on local terminology, focused on RECP goals, benefits, practices and methodology • Discussion and consolidation of draft local terms and taxonomy 	<p>Thomas LINDHQVIST</p> <p>All</p> <p>Zinaida FADEEVA</p> <p>Thomas LINDHQVIST</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 – 12:45	<p>Natural Resource and Environment: driver for business success in Georgia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stock take of present environmental and resource management situation in Georgia and relevance of RECP • Break out group discussions to explore in depth key issues for and good practices in Georgia • Discussion and consolidation of business drivers and agenda for RECP in Georgia 	<p>Zinaida FADEEVA</p> <p>Thomas LINDHQVIST</p> <p>All</p>

12:45 – 13:00	Conclusions, feed back and next steps	Zinaida FADEEVA Malkhaz ADEISHVILII, National RECP Coordinator, UNIDO
14:00	Lunch	

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