

# EaP GREEN



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## Better Enterprises – Cleaner Environment - Green Economy

### Consultative Dialogue

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

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015, 10:00 – 14:00

Hyatt Place Yerevan

#### Background

The European Commission has established EaP GREEN, a Partnership for Environment and Growth that supports the Government of Armenia 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 Armenia ([www.recp.am](http://www.recp.am)).

RECP is a globally proven approach to improve productivity and reduce environmental impacts of enterprises in manufacturing and associated sectors ([www.unido.org/cp](http://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 eleven companies in Armenia since mid- 2014.

A consultative dialogue is called to further explore the relevance and benefits of RECP in Armenia, 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 Armenia, 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 in Armenia, 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 Armenia. Throughout it is aimed to identify good environment and resource conservation practices of enterprises, and understand their motivation and benefits.

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The RECP demonstration project in Armenia is implemented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in the framework of the European Union's EaP GREEN programme that supports eastern partnership countries to green their economies. The Government of Slovenia, Development Bank of Austria and UNIDO provide additional funding. This consultative dialogue on customization of RECP to Armenia is further supported by the United Nations University – Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability. The Regional Environment Centre Caucasus supports implementation of the RECP Programme in Armenia.

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

09:30 – 10:00	Registration	
10:00-10:15	<p><i>Opening Remarks and Tour de Table</i></p> <p><i>Introductions by co-facilitators:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Zinaida FADEEVA, Senior Specialist – Policy &amp; Strategy, United Nations University – Institute for the Advanced Studies of Sustainability</li> <li>• A/Prof Thomas LINDHQVIST, International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics</li> </ul>	<p>René VAN BERKEL, Chief, Industrial Resource Efficiency Unit, UNIDO</p> <p>Nune HARUTYUNYAN, National RECP Coordinator, UNIDO</p>
10:15-11:45	<p><i>Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP): towards a taxonomy for Armenia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of Concept and Terminology</li> <li>• Break out group discussions on local terminology, focused on RECP goals, benefits, practices and methodology</li> <li>• Discussion and consolidation of draft local terms and taxonomy</li> </ul>	<p>René VAN BERKEL All</p> <p>Zinaida FADEEVA Thomas LINDHQVIST</p>
11:45 – 12:00	Coffee break	
12:00 – 13:45	<p><i>Natural Resource and Environment: driver for business success in Armenia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stock take of present environmental and resource management situation in Armenia and relevance of RECP</li> <li>• Break out group discussions to explore in depth key issues for and good practices in Armenia</li> <li>• Discussion and consolidation of business drivers and agenda for RECP in Armenia</li> </ul>	<p>Zinaida FADEEVA Thomas LINDHQVIST</p> <p>All</p>
13:45 – 14:00	Conclusions, feedback and next steps	<p>René VAN BERKEL, Chief, Industrial Resource Efficiency Unit, UNIDO</p> <p>Nune HARUTYUNYAN, National RECP Coordinator, UNIDO</p>
14:00	Lunch	

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