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## RECP Stakeholder Forum 1

Introduction of effective and clean business directory

Main topic – Energy Efficiency

30th October, city of Ararat, Ararat Region, Armenia

The forum was aimed at implementation of the “Engage and learn” as well as “Engage and Refine” steps in RECP domestication process. The aim was to develop a domesticated argument for enterprises, governments, and civil society to consider and implement RECP, as well as demonstrate newly developed RECP introductory document “Primer”, and explain in what manner SMEs could benefit from RECP application etc. The aim was also enriching RECP by sharing experiences and perspectives, from enterprises, as well as ministries, leading civil society organizations, experts attended RECP forum, etc. to instill trust and facilitate understanding between stakeholder groupings, allowing momentum and partnerships for adopting RECP to naturally develop and mature. The forum was attended by Deputy Minister of Nature Protection of RA **Mr. Khachik Hakobyan**, Deputy Minister of Energy and Natural resources of RA **Mr. Hayk Harutyunyan**, Ararat City Mayor **Mr. Hayk Haykyan**, and Head of UNIDO operations in Armenia **Ms. Anahit Simonyan**, UNIDO RECP National Coordinator **Ms. Nune Harutyunyan**, representatives of international organizations, including UNFCCC, IFC, ARMSEFF, INOGATE, UNIDO RECP Ararat Green Club members, UNIDO RECP experts, SME representatives, representatives of academic and research institutes, producers and laboratories, media, NGOs, REC Caucasus experts and team, overall more than 40 participants were present.



During the forum, interesting reports were presented by **Ms. Nune Harutyunyan**, (Importance of Energy efficient for SME, RECP Methods and techniques), RECP Communication and Advocacy Expert **Mr. Tigran Sekoyan** presented the main report aimed to promote debates about RECP domestication (comprising scaling up and mainstreaming) policy and strategy, **Ms. Dshkhuhi Sahakyan**, RECP expert, presented the best practices of “Kashi” OJSC, where she made expert assessments during the first RECP project phase, **Mr. Mkrtich Jalalyan** said that RECP implementation would create a favorable situation regardless of the

political environment and corruption risks that present in any country. **Mr. Artur Tsughunyan** made short presentation and showed that by combining electric and solar drying units a technology change for dry fruit production was performed in “Ervandashat agricultural association” consumer cooperative company.

Thematic discussions were held to outline questions and answers, as well as recommendations provided by stakeholders during the forum among the representatives of different sectors and units about energy efficiency, cleaner production, state level policies, innovations, technologies, financial and economic tools, certificates for green businesses, etc.

During the discussions, besides the above mentioned persons, the forum participants also expressed their opinions: The Chairman of Republic Union of Employers of RA, **Mr. Gagik Makaryan** Expert on energy efficiency and renewable energy of R2E2 Fund **Mr. Hrant Ter-Gabrielyan**, Director of Institute of Hydroecology and Ichthyology (IHEI) of Scientific Centre of Zoology and Hydroecology NAS RA **Ms. Evelina Ghukasyan**, Head of Energy Saving and Technical Normative division of the Ministry of Energy and Natural resources **Mr. Hayk Badalyan**, UNFCCC Focal Point **Mr. Aram Gabrielyan**, INOGATE Country expert for Armenia program **Mr. Levon Vardanyan** and others.



During the first forum, key topics and proposals for the talks are presented below (without commentary):

- *Energy audits in the Republic of Armenia are implemented in accordance with the RA law “On Energy Saving and Renewable Energy” adopted as HO-122-N of November 9, 2004 and amended as HO-130-N of April 14, 2011. Currently, the draft law on making amendments is included into the agenda of National Assembly.*
- *The general procedure of implementing energy audit is specified by “Energy Audit Implementation Procedure” approved by decision #1399-N of August 31, 2006 of the Government of the Republic of Armenia. It was edited by decisions #1105-N of August 4, 2011 and #1026-N of September 10, 2015, but still there are certain issues for Energy Audit promotion in the Republic, as well as methodology and terminology concerns.*
- *Energy audit Implementation is voluntary; however, there is a list of measures of energy efficiency and energy saving for mandatory application in facilities being constructed with the state funding, as approved by decision #1504-N of December 25, 2014.*
- *RECP audits are including energy audits as well as discusses material, waste and water efficient use matters. RECP procedure can be simultaneously promoted.*
- *Motivating mechanisms to be developed in the frames of the RECP project.*
- *Green certificates can be considered as a motivational tool and it must belong to private sector, not to the state based on RECP, accepted standards.*
- *The financial tools are entering the market and the risks on energy saving and RECP loans will change over time.*
- *The need of investments with low interest rates to afford them.*
- *Internationalizing the business organizations based on ISO standards accepted in the international markets.*
- *Promoting financial tools in the market.*
- *Auditing on energy and RECP must be promoted in industry sector as well as in residential and public buildings and SMEs must have knowledge on RECP and in energy efficiency.*
- *The main issue is lack of information regarding RECP in the rural SMEs.*
- *Awareness campaigns are essential for promotion of the Primer.*
- *RECP implementation would create a favorable situation regardless of the political environment and corruption risks that present in any country.*
- *RECP tools, methods are necessary for any industry and any company operating in a market economy.*
- *Natural resources are limited and humankind must fit in the limit of natural resource use.*
- *Consistent work is needed to implement for domestication and development of RECP principles, tools, methods, terminology in Armenia and the Primer is the first step*
- *Setting green filter as a clean production tool.*
- *Rising awareness on energy efficiency and RECP through newsletters, booklets, educational programs, creating collective partnership conditions and using it as a platform.*
- *Promoting energy audit and RECP audit service.*
- *Developing and piloting scale-able model for RECP in small businesses*