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## *Stakeholder Forum 6*

### *Chapter: Reduction and controls over emissions*

*30th August 2016, "NAIRI" Conference Hall of "Ani Plaza Hotel" Yerevan, Armenia*

The forum was attended by the Deputy Minister of Nature Protection of RA, Mr. Khachik Hakobyan, International Aid/Cooperation Officer EU Delegation to Armenia Mr. John Barker, Head of UNIDO Operations in Armenia, Ms. Anahit Simonyan, RECP National Coordinator, Ms. Nune Harutyunyan, different interested parties Ministries and SME representatives involved in RECP assessment, UNIDO RECP national experts from the project first and second phases, NGOs and International organization representatives and RECC team members, more than 35 participants were present.



Deputy Minister Mr. Khachik Hakobyan has outlined the importance of RECP demonstration project in Armenia, outlining specifically the role of the National team which works on green economic mechanisms and innovation ideas. The project implementation played a significant role not only for the local expertise and capacity formation, but also was useful for the SME sector. It has been a challenge to get good results in the short period of time, and it is important that the practice for SMEs to introduce and use RECP was supported by individual assessments and services, introduction of business cases based on RECP methodology, which have proven importance of RECP and resource efficiency for business sector. Mr. Hakobyan has thanked European Union Mr. Barker for his continuous support to RECP project underscoring successful co-operation between the Ministry and EU within RECP.

Mr. Barker, EU Delegation International Aid/Cooperation Officer, has mentioned that the RECP demonstration component in Armenia is a perfect example and will be used as success story for EU how with limited and quite modest funding it is possible to make a difference and get positive results for SMEs using EU taxpayer money. This was an important project in terms of changing the minds of business people and spreading awareness and providing RECP services for SMEs to optimize their business process, improve management and efficiency of production process, cut economic and resource related losses. EU would be definitely considering continuation of the RECP component in Armenia, in its future funding schemes based on positive experiences of UNIDO RECP project.



Ms. Anahit Simonyan has mentioned that this meeting is a conclusion of the RECP forums, the forums were targeted to create and form RECP culture, use of RECP in production process and SMEs. Within EaP process the RECP Armenian component has been praised as a success story, at the national level, being a multi-disciplinary one. Inter-agency co-operation was also one of the strongest features of the project uniting not only Ministry of Nature Protection, but also Ministry of Agriculture, Energy and Natural Resources, Ministries of Economy, employers' associations, civil society working on green economy promotion and national experts.

RECP National coordinator for EAP Green demonstration project Ms. Nune Harutyunyan has introduced series of Forum Recommendations on future RECP activities, which were introduced by different stakeholders throughout the whole Forum period. Recommendations cover demand to introduce RECP

expertise and practice into educational programs using RCEP for students as a useful educational and awareness tool, investing promotional mechanisms, promoting RECP services, increasing awareness among other SMEs and organizations benefits of resource efficient solutions and greening the economy using RECP methodologies.

There were interesting debate and discussions.

At the end of the meeting, Project National Coordinator Ms. Nune Harutyunyan summarized results of the six forums, and provided information about the key topics and upcoming future activities. She thanked everyone for his or her ongoing support, suggestions and positive feedback and added that the project Armenian case has been rated highly internationally. She mentioned that more work needs yet to be done and that they will keep on working on making more success stories and good benefits in Armenia.