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## Workshop on Prioritization and Market Readiness of the selected products for the initial Implementation of Sustainable Public Procurement in Georgia

### AGENDA

**Tuesday – June 22, 2021**

**Start: 11:00 (Tbilisi time, GMT+4)**

**End: 13:00 (Tbilisi time, GMT+4)**

**Zoom platform**

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## Background

In 2014, Georgia signed an Association Agreement with the European Union (EU). One of the articles of the Association Agreement refers to a need for introducing Sustainable Public Procurement (hereinafter - SPP) principles. SPP is considered the process by which public authorities seek to achieve the appropriate balance between three pillars of sustainable development - economic, social, and environmental - when procuring goods, services, or works at all stages of the project. Since the SPP concept is a completely new approach to Georgian legislation, there was a need for a full roll-out of the SPP approach, including policy development, capacity building and SPP implementation, in Georgia for the uptake of SPP by the government.

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is one of the five partner agencies implementing a newly launched EU-funded EU4 Environment (2019-2022) Action. This regional programme supports 6 countries, including Georgia, in making policy planning and investment greener, stimulating the uptake of innovative products and technologies, and raising awareness about the benefits of environmental action. More specifically, within EU4Environment's component on "circular economy and new growth opportunities", UNEP supports Georgia to promote activities related to SPP issues and its complementary tools.

UNEP in close cooperation with the Environmental Information and Education Centre (EIEC) and the State Procurement Agency of Georgia (SPA) implements a set of activities on promotion and application of SPP, including improving the legislation to introduce the SPP provisions. In the framework of the UNEP-EIEC contract on implementation of the EU4Environment project in Georgia, the Activity 2.2. envisages organizing a workshop on Prioritization and Market Readiness of the selected products for the initial Implementation of Sustainable Public Procurement. The purpose of the workshop is to present how the identification process of priority procurement objects took place and in particular, how the prioritization exercise and the market readiness analysis are conducted.

## Workshop objectives and expected outputs

- Present and raise awareness on the UNEP SPP approach;
- Present various examples of SPP implementation, including examples of SPP practices in the EU;
- Present and discuss the process of identification of prioritized procurement objects (goods), selected for the initial implementation of SPP in Georgia;
- Present and discuss the market readiness analysis and the relevant data obtained from the Georgian e-Procurement system;
- Present the approach for further implementation of SPP concept on selected procurement objects (goods).

### **Participants**

The meeting will gather officials and participants from the Parliament of Georgia, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, Environmental Information and Education Centre, State Procurement Agency, Dispute Resolution Council, Energy Efficiency Centre, as well as other line Ministries, contracting authorities (public sector) CSOs experts and academia professionals.

### **Practical Information**

The meeting will take place virtually via the Zoom platform, please follow the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82961252019?pwd=SWVEZFBGMzlnSktOVGpJMhBZ2xmQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 829 6125 2019

**Passcode:** 335471

All registered participants will receive connection details to access the platform. English and Georgian are the main languages of the workshop. English-Georgian simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the meeting.

### **About EU4Environment**

The “European Union for Environment” (**EU4Environment**) aims to help the six partner countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine preserve their natural capital and increase people's environmental well-being, by supporting environment-related action, demonstrating and unlocking opportunities for greener growth, and setting mechanisms to better manage environmental risks and impacts.

The Action is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations: OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank based on a budget of some EUR 20 million. The Action implementation period is 2019-2022.

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## AGENDA

| Time               | Item   |
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| <b>11:00-11:15</b> | <p><b>Moderation:</b> Ms. Tamar Aladashvili, Director, Environmental Information and Education Centre (EIEC), Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</p> <p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Nino Tandilashvili, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</li> <li>• Mr. Alexandre Darras, Attaché, Sector Coordinator Connectivity, Energy, Environment &amp; Climate Change, EU Delegation to Georgia</li> <li>• Mr. Kakha Demetrashvili, Deputy Chairperson, State Procurement Agency of Georgia (SPA)</li> <li>• Mr. Farid Yaker, Programme Officer, Economy Division, Resources &amp; Markets Branch, United Nations Environment Programme</li> </ul> |
| <b>11:15-11:35</b> | <p><b>General SPP overview and UNEP's approach in prioritizing products with sustainability components</b></p> <p>Mr. Farid Yaker, Programme Officer, Economy Division, Resources &amp; Markets Branch, United Nations Environment Programme</p>   |
| <b>11:35-11:55</b> | <p><b>Use cases from the European SPP practice</b></p> <p>Mr. Eriks Mezalis, International Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team</p>   |
| <b>11:55-12:05</b> | <p><b>Transitioning towards SPP in Georgia: Overview of relevant public procurement data</b></p> <p>Mr. Levan Baindurashvili, Senior Analyst, SPA</p>  |
| <b>12:05-12:30</b> | <p><b>Transitioning towards SPP in Georgia: Prioritization exercise coupled with market readiness analysis</b></p> <p>Ms. Nato Beridze, National Legal Expert, EU4Environment project team</p>   |
| <b>12:30-12:45</b> | <p><b>SPP policy priorities, implementation tools and various scenarios</b></p> <p>Feedback by the participants</p> <p>Moderator – Ms. Tamar Aladashvili, Director, Environmental Information and Education Centre</p>   |
| <b>12:45-12:55</b> | <p><b>Discussion; Q&amp;A session</b></p> <p>Moderator – Ms. Tamar Aladashvili, Director, Environmental Information and Education Centre</p>   |
| <b>12:55-13:00</b> | <p><b>Closure of the workshop</b></p> <p>Ms. Lesya Nikolayeva, EU4Environment project team</p>   |