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Information Meeting on Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) Activities

of the “Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities” Component

within the EU4Environment Action in Azerbaijan

Draft Agenda

Date: August, 13, 2021

Time: from 3pm to 5pm (Baku time),

Format: web-based video conference via Zoom platform

Language: Azerbaijani with simultaneous interpretation in English

Action implemented by:



Background

Funded by the European Union, the EU4Environment Action aims to preserve and better use the natural capital, increase people's environmental well-being, and stimulate economic growth in the six EaP countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine. By bringing together environmental and economic actors, it helps to deliver policy and legislative changes, making planning and investment greener, stimulating thus the uptake of innovative technologies by adopting new business models and creating green jobs. It also promotes better environmental governance, improved management of protected areas and forests, and sustainable trade. The Action, spanning from 2019-2022, involves five implementing organizations - OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO, and the World Bank – that will focus on producing tangible results in line with the goals, priorities and overall cooperation targets defined by the Partner countries.

Building on the achievements of the former EaP GREEN Programme (2013-2017) in Azerbaijan in which the participating SMEs demonstrated the effectiveness of UNIDO's RECP approach resulting in reduced consumption of resources, energy and water, UNIDO will continue to promote and build national capacities to enable SMEs in switching to a Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production. In addition, UNIDO will identify opportunities that can support the creation of circular value chains through industrial waste maps (IWMs) to raise awareness about the opportunities and benefits of a Circular Economy among enterprises, the government, and the civil society.

Under Result 2 - "Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities" Component, UNIDO is scaling up Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production among SMEs in Azerbaijan and other EaP countries. It will further work on building the capacity of SMEs to use RECP and innovation approaches in their operations. About 35 Azerbaijani enterprises will be assisted in revising their business models. Local experts will be trained on the RECP methodology and practices while conducting assessments in selected companies. The implementation of the RECP methodology will help increase productivity, product quality, and the competitiveness of Azerbaijani SMEs.

Workshop objectives

- Raising awareness among participants and key stakeholders on the "Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities" Component of the "EU4Environment" Action in Azerbaijan, and showcasing its benefits;
- Presenting the work plan for the implementation of RECP activities;
- Discussing new opportunities related to Circular Economy in Azerbaijan: industrial waste mapping as a means to improve waste management in selected regions;
- Discussing the potential regions where RECP activities can be scaled up.

Expected outputs and outcomes

- Agreement on the developed work plan, and
- Confirmation of regions where RECP activities will be implemented

Participants

The workshop will gather up to 40 participants from the Governmental institutions, including the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (as National Focal Points of the “EU4Environment” Action), the Delegation of the European Union to Azerbaijan, United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other international organizations, Small and Medium Business Development Agency, as well as the representatives from companies, organizations, associations, NGOs, financial institutions, academia and research institutes.

The workshop is open to all interested in and related to the issues of green growth, circular economy, resource efficiency, cleaner production, industrial development, and environmental protection.

Practical Information

All interested persons should register in advance via the link below in order to participate in the meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAsd-CorDkuEt10zqDTUprn7fZkJs2s1KoX>

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (**EU4Environment**) aims to help the six partner countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, and 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.

For further information about the action [visit: www.eu4environment.org](http://www.eu4environment.org)

[For information about RECP in Azerbaijan, please, visit: www.recpaz.wordpress.com](http://www.recpaz.wordpress.com)

AGENDA

Moderator: Mr. Yashar Karimov, National Coordinator of RECP activities in Azerbaijan

Time	Item
15:00-15:20	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <p>Ms. Aytakin Guluzada Deputy Head of Department of Cooperation with International Organizations, Ministry of Economy</p> <p>Mr. Faig Mutallimov Head of Subdivision of Regulation of Usage of Water Resources, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources</p> <p>Mr. Victor Bojkov Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Azerbaijan</p> <p>Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya International Project Coordinator, Industrial Resource Efficiency Division, Directorate for Environment and Energy, UNIDO</p>
15:20-15:30	<p>Presentation of the “EU4Environment” Action and its components</p> <p>Mr. Kamran Rzayev, National Action Coordinator of the “EU4Environment” Action in Azerbaijan</p>
15:30-15:50	<p>From resource efficiency to Circular Economy in the Eastern Partnership: tools of the regional EU4Environment Programme</p> <p>Dr. Johannes Fresner, Senior Technical Advisor, UNIDO</p>
15:50-16:00	<p>Result 2: Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities of the EU4Environment Action</p> <p>Mr. Yashar Karimov, National Coordinator of RECP Activities in Azerbaijan</p>
16:00-16:15	<p>Presentation of the work plan for RECP and Circular Economy Activities in Azerbaijan</p> <p>Ms. Asya Chalabova, Administrator of the National Implementing Partner of UNIDO (ACE Group Consultants LLC)</p>
16:15-16:30	<p>Creating new growth opportunities related to the circular economy: industrial waste mapping</p> <p>Mr. Alastair Carruth, Circular Economy Expert, Sweco (Sweden)</p>
16:30-16:45	<p>Presentation of the current waste management practices and opportunities in Azerbaijan</p> <p>Mr. Tofiq Hasanov, Industrial waste management expert, UNIDO NIP</p>
16:45-17:00	<p>Question and Answers/Final Remarks All participants</p>