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Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) Stakeholders Group Meeting

The “Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities” activities under the
EU4Environment Action in Azerbaijan

Agenda

Date: 28 July 2022

Time: 10.00 - 16.00 (AZT),

Location: Marriott Hotel, Khojasan Hall

Address: 674 Azadlig Avenue, Baku, Azerbaijan

Language: Azerbaijani (with simultaneous interpretation into English)

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AGENDA

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

Time	Item
09:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-10:20	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <p>Mr. Elmar Mammadov (TBC) Senior Adviser to the Secretariat of the First Vice President of the Presidential Administration of the Republic of Azerbaijan</p> <p>Ms. Aytakin Guluzada (TBC) Deputy Head of Department of Cooperation with International Organizations, Ministry of Economy</p> <p>Mr. Faig Mutallimov Head of Department of Ecological Policy, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources</p> <p>Mr. Victor Bojkov (TBC) Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Azerbaijan</p> <p>Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya EU4Environment Project Manager, Industrial Resource Efficiency Division, Directorate for Environment and Energy, UNIDO</p>
10:20-10:40	Introduction of the participants/members of the RECP Stakeholders Group
10:40-10:45	<p>Circular Economy: Unlocking opportunities for green growth in Azerbaijan Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya, EU4Environment Project Manager, UNIDO</p>
10:45-10:55	<p>EU4Environment Action in Azerbaijan – Brief Overview Mr. Kamran Rzayev, National Action Coordinator in Azerbaijan</p>
10:55-11:10	<p>RECP Activities under the “Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities” Component of the “EU4Environment” Action in Azerbaijan – results and next steps” Mr. Yashar Karimov, National Coordinator of RECP Activities in Azerbaijan</p>
11:10-11:30	Questions and Answers
11:30-11:40	<p>Presentation of the achievements and challenges faced during the implementation of Phase I of RECP and Circular Economy Activities in Azerbaijan Mrs. Asya Chalabova, Administrator/Team Leader, National Implementing Partner of UNIDO in Azerbaijan (CEO of ACE Group Consultants)</p>
11:40-11:50	Questions and Answers
11:50-12:10	Coffee break

12:10-12:30	<p>“Industrial Waste Mapping: General overview, waste mapping exercise, data collection process, challenges faced” Mr. Tofiq Hasanov, RECP Expert</p>
12:30-13:00	<p>Question and Answers</p> <p>Remarks on the 1st session of the meeting and discussion of concrete steps to support the presented activities All participants</p>
13:00-14:00	<p>Lunch</p>
14:00-14:20	<p>RECP Clubs: challenges in implementation and hitherto progress Preliminary findings from the first visits to the Club members Mr. Ilkin Aliyev, RECP Clubs Facilitator</p>
14:20-14:30	<p>Questions and Answers</p>
14:30-14:45	<p>The role of the Baku RECP Club in the agenda of the Research Center for Sustainable Development and Green Economy Ms. Gulnar Mirzayeva, Executive Director, Research Centre for Sustainable Development and Green Economy named after N.Ganjavi under UNEC</p>
14:45-15:00	<p>Discussion on RECP SG support to Baku RECP Club sustainability</p>
15:00-15:20	<p>Coffee break</p>
15:20-15:35	<p>The role of the Ganja RECP Club in the agenda of the Ganja State University and the Smart City project - planned activities Mr. Vasif Hasanov, Center for Sustainable Smart Cities and Regions named after Nizami Ganjavi within the Ganja State University</p>
15:35-15:50	<p>Question and Answers</p>
15:50-16:00	<p>Phase II of the RECP activities and introduction of the concept of Single Market for Green Products in Azerbaijan Ms. Tatiana Chernyavskaya, Project Manager, UNIDO</p>
16:00-16:10	<p>Closing remarks and ways forward Reflections from all participants</p>

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

- Raising the awareness of the RECP Stakeholders' Group members on the activities of "Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities" of the "EU4Environment" Action in Azerbaijan;
- Presenting the achievements and challenges faced during the implementation of the 1st phase of the programme;
- Discussing the benefits, opportunities and ways to overcome challenges for the successful implementation and sustainability of results of RECP activities in Azerbaijan;
- Presenting the plans for the 2nd phase of implementation of the RECP and Circular Economy-related activities;
- Ensuring the support and commitment of the RECP Stakeholders Group to institutionalize RECP.

Expected outputs and outcomes

- A proposal on overcoming the current challenges for the successful implementation of RECP and Circular Economy activities is developed;
- Ways forward are agreed upon.

Participants

The meeting will gather members of the RECP Stakeholders Group, comprised of representatives 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 Small and Medium Business Development Agency, as well as the representatives from companies, relevant institutions, associations, NGOs, and academia. The representatives from the Delegation of the European Union to Azerbaijan and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization are also invited to the meeting.

Practical Information

The working language of the meeting will be Azerbaijani, with simultaneous interpretation into English. Lunch will be provided to the participants wishing to attend the meeting for its full duration.

Background

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 continues to promote and build the national capacity to enable SMEs in switching to a Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production. In addition, UNIDO is identifying 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 civil society.

Under the Result 2 activities on "Circular Economy and New Growth Opportunities", UNIDO is scaling up Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production among SMEs in Azerbaijan and other EaP

countries. It further works on building the capacity of SMEs to use RECP and other innovative approaches in their operations.

For the implementation of the 1st phase of RECP activities in Azerbaijan, in May 2021, UNIDO contracted a National Implementing Partner comprised of a consortium of companies led by ACE Group Consultants LLC. Since then, some achievements have been reported in the implementation of RECP and Circular Economy activities in Azerbaijan. However, there are also some challenges faced within the programme that need to be addressed. It is expected that the RECP Stakeholders Group meeting will serve as a platform to discuss and overcome these challenges, as well as discover new opportunities to further institutionalize and upscale RECP in the country.

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (**EU4Environment**) aims to help the EU’s Eastern Partner countries to 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’s implementation period is 2019-2023.

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