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TRAINING WORKSHOP ON PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

AGENDA

12 December 2023

Start: 10:30 (Yerevan time, GMT+4)

End: 14:00 (Yerevan time, GMT+4)

Ani Grand Hotel, Areni Hall

Address: 65 Hanrapetutyan St, Yerevan 0010

ZOOM link to connect on-line:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86301443929?pwd=1CwbvnrA9b47CBdLBjWBD3T2yxXTdb.1>

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Background

Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) is considered as a 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 for their daily needs.

As part of the EU-funded “European Union for Environment” (EU4Environment) programme, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is leading activities on promoting Sustainable Public Procurement and Complementary Tools (i.e. eco-labelling) in the Republic of Armenia. Public procurement wields enormous purchasing power, accounting for an average of 12 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) in OECD countries, and up to 30 percent of GDP in many developing countries. Shifting public spending towards more sustainable goods and services can generate positive social, environmental and economic results such as poverty reduction, improved equity, reduced GHG emissions and increased energy and resource efficiency. It also offers a largely untapped opportunity to drive businesses and domestic markets towards innovation and increased sustainability. SPP is thus emerging as a key policy instrument to support progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and leverage an inclusive green economy transition.

UNEP is one of the five partner agencies implementing the EU-funded EU4 Environment (2019-2023) Action. This regional programme supports 5 countries, including Armenia, 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 Armenia to promote activities related to SPP issues and its complementary tools.

UNEP in close cooperation with the Armenian Branch of Regional Environmental Center for Caucasus and Green Transition NGO, and the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Armenia and all relevant stakeholders, implements a set of activities on promotion and application of SPP, including reviewing the legislation to learn the possibilities to introduce the SPP provisions, as well as to raise awareness on the SPP benefits.

As part of the EU4Environment project, Training Workshop on Promoting SPP in Armenia is organized to present the preliminary findings of the SPP Status Assessment to stakeholders, discuss opportunities for promoting SPP principles in collaboration with all stakeholders, as well as discuss the main challenges in introducing and practicing SPP. During the training workshop capacity building focus will be ensured by presenting economic, social and environmental benefits of SPP to businesses and national stakeholders.

Objectives of the training workshop:

- Present the UNEP’s approach/methodology on SPP and role of Armenian stakeholders’ successful introduction of SPP in the country;
- Present the preliminary findings of the SPP Status Assessment, including policy review and legislation frameworks, followed by recommendations on SPP promotion;

- Present a list of SPP priority products, methodology used for prioritisation and plans for the elaboration of the SPP criteria for selected products;
- Introduce economic, social and environmental benefits of SPP to Armenian stakeholders;
- Strengthen capacities of business sectors to respond to public tenders under EU4Environment.

Participants

The representatives of the Government of Armenia, ministries of environment, economy, finance, territorial administration and infrastructure, civil society, business associations, relevant stakeholder groups.

Practical Information

The training workshop will be held face to face in Yerevan, Armenia. The participants who will attend in person are invited to the conference room of the Ani Grand Hotel, 65 Hanrapetutyán St, Yerevan 0010. Participants will also be able to join on-line using ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86301443929?pwd=1CwbvnrA9b47CBdLBJWBD3T2yxXTdb.1>

The training workshop will be held in Armenia with interpretation into English.

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (**EU4Environment**) aims to help the five partner countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, 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 2019-2023.

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Time	Item
10:30-11:00	Welcome coffee and registration
11:00- 11:30	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs. Gayane Gabrielyan, GoAM, Deputy Minister of Environment ● EU Delegation in Armenia, TBD ● Ms. Alex Leshchynskyy, Programme Officer, UNEP Europe Office ● Mrs. Nune Harutyunyan, Director of REC Caucasus
11:30-11:00	UNEP's methodology on SPP, case studies on SPP from the Eastern Partnership region and benefits of SPP <i>Ms. Lesya Nikolayeva, International Expert, UNEP Europe Office</i> <i>Mrs. Nune Harutyunyan, Director of REC Caucasus</i>
11:00 -12:30	Presentation of the preliminary findings of the PP Status Assessment, including legislation and policy review and recommendations on SPP implementation <i>Mr. Harutyun Tunyan, Green Transition NGO</i>
12:30 – 12:45	Q&A session
12:45-13:00	Coffee break
13:00-13:30	Presentation of a list of SPP priority products, methodology used and plans on elaboration of sustainability criteria for selected products <i>Mr. Gor Chatinyan, Green Transition NGO</i>
13:30 – 13:45	Q & A session
13:45 – 14:00	Final remarks and closure session