

## Working together on implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement

### Workshop

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### Draft Agenda 2 February 2017

Venue: Rooms Hotel Tbilisi, . 14 Kostava, Tbilisi, 0108

<b>Background</b>	<p>A new, landmark climate agreement<sup>1</sup> was agreed in Paris in December 2015 and entered into force on 4 November 2016. Georgia signed the Paris Agreement on 22 April 2016 and its ratification is planned for 2017.</p> <p>Georgia’ INDC plans to unconditionally reduce its GHG emissions by 15% below the business as usual scenario (BAU) for the year 2030 in a manner compliant with the Association Agreement between the EU and Georgia. This 15% reduction target will be increased up to 25% in a conditional manner, subject to a global agreement addressing the importance of technical cooperation, access to low-cost financial resources and technology transfer.</p> <p>The Paris Agreement sets out a global action plan to keep global temperature rise this century well below 2°C and to drive efforts to limit the increase even further to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. The agreement also aims to strengthen the ability of countries to deal with the impacts of climate change. The objectives of the Paris Agreement are in line with Georgia’s national development priorities such as energy efficiency improvement, energy security, food production security and others.</p> <p>The NDC and its implementing measure will provide clear directions for action and ensure that the synergies between climate action and national development priorities are utilised and the Paris Agreement is implemented effectively. Therefore, active participation and collaboration is required among the national authorities and stakeholders who are covering virtually all sectors of economy, particularly those, which produce significant emissions of greenhouse gases, and those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.</p> <p>The conference plans to reach governmental authorities and other stakeholders (business community, civil society and academia) with the purpose to enhance their common understanding of the opportunities and the challenges that the implementation of the Paris Agreement creates for our economy and society. In particular, the conference will discuss the options for coordinating sectoral policies and measures and ensuring that they bring national development on a low-emission and climate-resilient pathway.</p>
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<sup>1</sup>The Paris Agreement text is available at the UNFCCC website;

English version: <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2015/cop21/eng/l09r01.pdf>

Russian version: <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2015/cop21/rus/l09r01r.pdf>

<b>Aim of the meeting</b>	<p>The <b>wider</b> objective is to strengthen cooperation between the EU and Georgia in the field of climate action.</p> <p>The <b>specific objective</b> of the meeting is to provide information on the Paris Agreement and the challenges in implementing ambitious, national climate policies in this context.</p>
<b>Expected Results of the meeting</b>	<p>The expected results are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants are provided with and understanding of the importance and implications of the Paris Agreement</li> <li>• Participants receive support to prepare for the implementation of the Paris Agreement</li> </ul>
<b>Legislation and policies covered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2030 EU Framework for Climate and Energy Policies, the 2050 Roadmap</li> <li>• The Paris Agreement</li> <li>• Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy</li> <li>• INDC of Georgia</li> </ul>

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9.30-10.00	<b>Registration and welcome coffee</b>
10.00-10.20	<b>Opening of the round table. Keynote statements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Ekaterine Grigalava, Deputy Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia, TBC</li> <li>Mr Mr Carlo Natale, Minister - Deputy Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Union to Georgia,</li> <li>Mr Niels Schuster, Policy Officer, Unit international and Inter-Institutional Affairs, Directorate – General for Climate Action, European Commission, TBC</li> <li>Mr Zsolt Lengyel, Team Leader, Clima East Project</li> </ul>
<b>Session 1: From Paris to Marrakesh and beyond</b> <u>Moderator:</u> Mr Zsolt Lengyel, Team Leader, Clima East Project	
10.20-10.40	<b>What is next in the post-Paris world</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow, Clima East Expert</li> </ul>
10.40-11.00	<b>Overview of the EU Neighbourhood Policy and EaP Ministerial Declaration on cooperation on environment and climate change in the light of the implementation of Paris Agreement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Niels Schuster, Policy Officer, Unit international and Inter-Institutional Affairs, Directorate – General for Climate Action, European Commission</li> </ul>
11.00-11.15	<b>Marrakesh COP: results and perspectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Marzena Chodor, Clima East Key Expert</li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b>
11.15-11.35	<b>Georgia vision of the implications of the Paris Agreement including Georgia's INDC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Grigol Lazrievi, National Focal Point of UNFCCC, Head of Climate Change Division, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia</li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b>
11.35-12.00	<b>Coffee, interview period</b> (selected ministerial staff and CE Team available for the press)
<b>Session 2: Turning vision into action in Georgia</b> <u>Moderator:</u> Mr Grigol Lazrievi, Head of the Climate Change Division, MENRP, UNFCCC Focal Point in Georgia	

12:00-12:15	<b>European Union climate action in the 2030 framework and 2050 Roadmap</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Zsolt Lengyel, Team Leader, Clima East Project</li> </ul>
12:15-12:30	<b>Georgia's main strategic approaches and instruments for implementation of Paris Agreement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Grigol Lazrievi, Head of the Climate Change Division, MENRP, UNFCCC Focal Point in Georgia</li> </ul>
12:30 -12:50	<b>LEDs of Georgia: Project components, current status and recommendations for NDC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Inga Phkhaladze, Winrock Georgia</li> <li>Ms. Anna Sikharulidze, Remissia</li> </ul>
12:50-13:15	<b>NAMA projects for sustainable energy in rural areas and in buildings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Rusudan Simonidze, Co-director, NGO 'Greens of Georgia – Friends of the Earth'</li> <li>Ms. Marina Shvangiradze, Director, NGO 'Remissia'</li> </ul>
13:15-13:30	<b>Adapting to climate change: the example of Kolkheti Lowland under changing climate - It's time to 'irrigate' wetlands</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Mamuka Gvilava ICZM National Focal Point for Georgia</li> <li>Ms. Izolda Matchitadze, Batumi State University</li> </ul>
13:30-14:00	<b>Q&amp;A and Discussion of session 2.</b>
14:00-15:00	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Session 3: Opportunities and Challenges for Sectoral Policies and Measures</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Patrick Gray, Clima East Advisor on Strategic Development	
15:00 -17:00	<b>Presentations up to 15 minutes including Q&amp;A</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Energy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>More renewables and improved energy efficiency: Energy policy in Georgia</b>            Ms. Marita Arabidze, Head, Division of Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy Sources, Ministry of Energy         </li> <li> <b>Sub-national actors: role of cities and Covenant of Mayors in the implementation of the Paris Agreement</b>            Mr. Giorgi Abulashvili, Coordinator of COMO East II in Georgia &amp; Head of Energy Efficiency Centre Georgia         </li> </ul> </li> <li> <b>Industry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Energy- and technology-related GHG mitigation from industry in Georgia</b>            Ms. Anna Sikharulidze, NGO 'Remissia'.         </li> </ul> </li> <li> <b>Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Forestry sector in the INDC: forestry policy in Georgia.</b>            Mr. Karlo Amirgulashvil, Head of Forestry Policy Division (MENRP)         </li> <li> <b>Afforestation of degraded lands.</b>            Ms. Natia Iordasnishvili, Head, National Forestry Agency         </li> <li> <b>Clima East Pilot project: addressing pasture management challenges</b> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>Mr. Tornike Phulariani, UNDP (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Waste</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Georgia's policy in Waste</b>            Ms. Irma Gurguliani, Head, Division of waste and chemical substances management, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia         </li> <li> <b>Waste Management Technologies in the Regions of Georgia</b>            Ms. Nino Shavgulidze, Chief of Party, Caucasus Environmental NGO Network (CENN).         </li> </ul> </li> <li> <b>Building (construction) sector</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>SUDEP in Georgia: Project of Insulation of a kindergarten</b>            Ms. Karina Melikidze, Project manager         </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
17:00-17:15	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>Session 4: Supporting implementation of Paris Agreement</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Ms Medea Inashvili, Key Expert, Clima East Project	
17:15-17:45	<b>NDC finalisation and implementation challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion moderated by Mr Irakli Samkharadze, National Key Advisor BMUB "Information Matters "&amp; "EaP EU Association Climate Project" , GIZ; and Mr. Zsolt Lengyel, Clima East Team Leader</li> </ul>
17:45-18:15	<b>Climate change: education, training and public awareness. How to improve communication and outreach</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderator and Key Speaker: Mr. Patrick Gray, Clima East Advisor on Strategic Development</li> </ul> <p>Introduction by Ms Ina Girard, Sub-regional coordinator, Caucasus, Climate Forum East II</p> <p><i>Q&amp;A and Discussion</i></p>
18:15-18:30	<b>Conclusions and closure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Grigol Lazrievi, Head of the Climate Change Division, MENRP, UNFCCC Focal Point in Georgia</li> <li>Mr Zsolt Lengyel, Team Leader, Clima East Project</li> </ul>
18:30	<b>Networking reception</b>