



Final National Conference on Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production in Armenia
May 18th 2017, Ani Plaza Hotel
Yerevan, Armenia

The overall objective of the Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) Demonstration Component of the EU funded EaP GREEN Programme is to improve **resource productivity** and **environmental performance of businesses** and other organizations in the target industry sectors of the Eastern Partnership Economies, including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine and thereby contribute to sustainable industrial development and generation of employment and incomes. This is achieved through the widespread implementation of RECP concepts, methods, techniques and policies by businesses and other organizations, governments at all levels, and providers of business services, including advisory and financial services.

RECP applies proven preventive environmental approaches and productivity concepts for the triple benefits of

- improved resource productivity (hence reduced operational costs and reduced use of materials, energy and water),
- reduced environmental impacts (less waste, emissions and pollution) and
- improved occupational and community health and safety.

Under the RECP Demonstration component implemented in the framework of the EAP GREEN initiative since 2013, UNIDO is implementing activities aimed at promoting RECP in Armenia in the priority industry sectors, such as agro-food processing, chemicals and construction materials. The current cycle of RECP in Armenia is actively working with 54 SMEs producing food, drinks, beverages, construction materials, chemical products, as well as newly joined producers of shoe, carpet, recreation and tourism industry representatives interested in green economic development in the regions through advancing RECP methodology.

All SMEs which have received audit services under RECP Demonstration component claim that it helped them to reduce their production costs, including costs for energy, water, production material used within the industry, elaborate new innovative ideas and advance their technology and housekeeping. As a result of RECP audits different companies including bread production, beverage, cheese producers, wineries, chemical producers were able to save 15-20 per cent of energy by restructuring the refrigeration system in the warehouses, optimization of heating and lightning systems, cutting energy losses within their production units.

The project provides SMEs with an easy to read guidance for RECP implementation in business sector, thus enabling reduction of production costs and technological needs; increase in labor productivity; possible improvement in product quality; reduction of costs associated with waste production and pollution; improvement of production conditions; reduction of energy and material losses and better housekeeping, and management practices which helps improving environmental compliance of the business sector.

National experts were trained on the RECP methodology and practical application, as well as provided with RECP audit skills by international expert training series in 2014 and 2015. As a result, the national RECP expert team has assessed around 24 demonstration SMEs producing bread, cheese, construction panels and stone, waste- based roof bricks, batteries, meet and veggies preserve

producers, based on which success stories and RECP business cases from different industry sectors were prepared by project including individual audit packages for partner SMEs.

Aim of the RECP National Conference: Highlighting Key RECP Milestones

The aim of the conference is to share the objectives and outputs of the RECP project in Armenia. The conference will present RECP activities conducted in Armenia, highlighting the benefits of resource efficient, environmentally friendly business procedures and results of RECP applications for demonstration companies which were interested in running their business alongside the principles of sustainable development and green economy.

The conference will be organized to draw on the expertise and insights of stakeholders representing government, business and civil society to customize and domesticate RECP into the national context in Armenia, including business and government agendas, natural resource and environmental issues, business organization, language and culture.

Participants of the RECP National Conference

The National conference involves representatives of key ministries leading development and promotion of green policies and strategies within the country, such as Ministries of Nature protection, Energy, Agriculture, Economy, Government agencies, RECP experts as well as donor agencies and countries supporting Green economic growth, partner SME s and associations, civil society stakeholders, etc.

More information about the project is available at www.recp.am

DRAFT AGENDA

09:30 – 10:00	Registration of participants and welcome coffee	
10:00-10:40	Welcoming remarks and interventions EU Delegation Ministry of Nature Protection Ministry of Economic Development and Investments Ministry of Energy (TBC) Ministry of Agriculture (TBC) UNIDO	Moderator: Anahit Simonyan, Head of UNIDO Operations in Armenia Carolina Gonzalez, Industrial Development Officer
10:40– 10:55	RECP Demonstration project as a Component of EaP GREEN Programme of the EU	Carolina Gonzalez Project Manager Department of Environment, UNIDO
10:55-11:10	RECP status in Armenia: RECP benefits in Armenia, a snapshot on the RECP. Progress and achievements in RECP promotion under EaP GREEN in Armenia in 2014-2017	Nune Harutyunyan, National Coordinator of RECP Demonstration Component
11:10 – 11:30	Certificate award ceremony for SMEs and RECP Experts	<i>UNIDO and Armenian Government representatives</i>
11:30- 11:50	Coffee break	
11:50-12:40	Review of RECP assessments results (Business cases) “Thermo Caps” LLC, ELBAT CJSC, “Yerevan Telecommunication Research Institute” CJSC, “Artashes” LLC, “ARGEL” CJSC, “Sam-Har” LLC, Hamlet Hovsepyan IE, “Ava-Shoes” LLC, “Sedrak-Tigran” LLC, “Vada Bek” LLC, «Roz Frud» LTD, Anashart LLC	<i>Ms. L.Margaryan, Ms. A.Hovsepyan, Ms. S.Hakobyan, Mr. V.Sargsyan, Ms. N.Gabrielyan, Ms. L.Taslakyan, Ms. L.Apujanyan, Mr. M.Sadoyan, Mr. H.Mnatsakanyan, Mr. A.Bodoyan, Mr. P.Bojukyan,</i> RECP national experts RECP in practice: SMEs representatives Moderator: Nune Harutyunyan, UNIDO RECP National coordinator
12:40 – 13:00	Advancing RECP in Georgia: lessons from international experience -	Tatiana Chernyavskaya, International Project Coordinator, UNIDO
13:00 -13:15	Questions and Answers session	All participants
13:15 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 -14:15	RECP Primer: practical approaches of resource efficiency and cleaner production for businesses in Armenia	Tigran Sekoyan, Communication and Outreach expert
14:15 -14:30	RECP Clubs in Armenia: RECP Club model: examples of good practice in Armenia	Dshkhuhi Sahakyan, RECP Clubs facilitator
14:30- 14:45	Q/A	All participants
14:45 – 15:10	RECP advanced assessments and feasibility for pilot projects	<i>Mr. M.Jalalyan, Ms. A.Pasoyan, Ms. Dshkhuhi Sahakyan, Mr. T.Sekoyan, Mr. A.Tsughunyan,</i> RECP auditors
15:10-15:30	Further steps for RECP implementation in Armenia	Carolina Gonzalez Project Manager, Department of Environment, UNIDO Nune Harutyunyan, UNIDO RECP National Coordinator
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break	
15:45– 16:00	Stakeholder comments and wrap up	