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Final National Conference

On of Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Demonstration Project in Azerbaijan

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Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) is the preventive environmental approach aimed at increasing efficiency of industrial production while reducing risks for environment and human health. In this regard, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) implemented Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) Demonstration Project in Azerbaijan. The project is a component of the regional programme "Greening Economies in the European Union's Eastern Neighbourhood" (EaP GREEN) funded by the European Union (EU). This program assists the EU Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership (EaP) countries, namely Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, in progressing faster towards a green economy framework.

The EaP GREEN programme is funded by the EU with additional co-financing for UNIDO RECP Demonstration component provided by the Government of Slovenia and the Development Bank of Austria. It is implemented by a consortium of international organizations, under the leadership of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment), and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

Under EaP GREEN, UNIDO is responsible for implementation of the RECP Demonstration component that promotes more efficient use of resources (energy, materials and water) and reduces risks to the environment and human health through the widespread adaptation and adoption of RECP methods, practices and techniques. The project accelerates and expands the application of RECP at national and regional levels. It has been implemented in Azerbaijan from 2014-2016.

The main objectives of the Conference are:

- Present the results of the RECP Demonstration component implementation in Azerbaijan.
- Raise awareness and understanding of the RECP opportunities and benefits at the national and regional levels among enterprises, government and civil society.
- Discuss the current progress of the Republic of Azerbaijan in transition to a green economy and further steps in greening of its industry.
- Attract donor support for technical assistance in the area of environment and green industry for further realization of RECP programmes.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

09:30-10:00	Registration of conference participants
10:00-10:30	OPENING REMARKS: <i>European Union Delegation in Azerbaijan</i> <i>Representative of the Ministry of Economy</i> <i>Representative of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources</i> <i>Representative of the Ministry of Energy (TBC)</i> <i>UNIDO</i>
10:30-11:00	Implementation of the RECP Demonstration Programme as an EaP GREEN Component in Azerbaijan: Successes, challenges and perspectives Discussion points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EaP GREEN programme and its structure • RECP Demonstration component activities and results achieved • RECP application at SMEs' in Azerbaijan • Providing RECP Services in Azerbaijan
11:00-11:15	Coffee break
11:15-11:30	“Greening” the economy of Azerbaijan Discussion points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National strategy of the Azerbaijan Government on green growth • Policies and incentives to stimulate RECP
11:30-12:00	Green financing in Azerbaijan: opportunities and challenges for SMEs Discussion points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial support for implementation of RECP options in the EaP countries • Government support for green financing in Azerbaijan
12:00-13:00	Joint presentations of the results of RECP implementation at the enterprises of Azerbaijan by enterprise representatives and RECP experts
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	RECP Clubs as an effective tool for demonstration of RECP benefits and development of industrial enterprises Discussion points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities and barriers to scaling-up the RECP application • Results and experience of the RECP Club implementation in Azerbaijan • Feedback from the RECP Clubs member companies
15:00-15:20	Awarding certificates to enterprises-members of RECP Clubs by: <i>UNIDO, EU Delegation and Ministry of Economy</i>
15:20-15:50	Summary and concluding remarks : Further steps and recommendations for national authorities regarding support to RECP implementation <i>Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources(TBC)</i> <i>the Ministry of Economy(TBC)</i> <i>Representative of the companies (TBC)</i> <i>UNIDO</i>
15:50-16:00	Closing coffee break