Preparatory Workshop for Energy Experts & Practitioners

Venue: Public Service Hall, III floor, Sanapirao st.2, Tbilisi

08.30 – 09.00  REGISTRATION

09:00-10:30  OPENING SESSION

- Welcome address by Ms. Mariam Valishvili, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy of Georgia
- Welcome address by Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, Secretary of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE
- Objectives of the preparatory workshop by Ms. Christine Lins, Executive Secretary, REN21
- The purpose of the Discussion Paper “Beyond hydro: Recommendations for unblocking investments in renewable energy” by Ms. Emily Koulouvaris, Managing Director, Revelle Group

10:30–11:00  COFFEE BREAK

11:00-13:00  SESSION 1: NON-HYDRO RENEWABLE ENERGY BARRIERS AND SOLUTION PATHWAYS

Moderator:

- Ms. Christine Lins, Executive Secretary, REN21

Interventions from Panellists on transposing the hydro success story into non-hydro project development

- Snapshot of global trends in renewable energy developments – Mr. Vassilis Triantafyllos, Legal & Regulatory Advisor, Energy Sector, Revelle Group
- Where is the potential? Solar & Wind Geospatial Resource Mapping – Mr. Nugzar Khaindrava, Portfolio Manager, Georgian Development Fund
- Private sector perspective: a hydro project developer’s point-of-view – Mr. Georgi Abramashvilli, Managing Partner, Energy Solutions
EBRD experience in financing hydro and non-hydro renewables in Georgia– Mr. David Managadze, Associate Director, Senior Banker, Energy and Natural Resources, Russia, Caucasus and Central Asia, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Debate: Towards a national roadmap for unblocking investment in non-hydro

- Interventions - Discussion
  - NGOs
  - Georgian National Energy Regulator (GNER)
  - Private Sector Representative (Project Developer) – “Darial Energy”

13:00-14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00-15:30 SESSION 2: IMPROVING AVAILABILITY, ACCURACY AND CREDIBILITY OF RENEWABLE ENERGY DATA

Moderator:

- Mr. Vassilis Triantafyllos, Author Team of REN21 UNECE Renewable Energy Status 2017, Revelle Group

Interventions from Panellists on “Truth in numbers: The importance of Renewable Energy Data in long-term RES Planning”

- Presentation of the REN21 UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report 2015\(^1\) Data gaps across the UNECE region and specific issues for Georgia – Mr. Martin Hullin, Project Manager, REN21
- Renewable energy statistics: Data collection, coordination & the role of independent institutions and authorities – National Statistical Office of Georgia (GEOSTAT) – Mr. Gogita Todradze, Deputy Executive Director, GEOSTAT
- The importance of data availability and accuracy for informed investment decisions. Available data on attracting investment in the RES sector - – Mrs. Liza Tavadumadze, Head, Investment Department, Ministry of Energy of Georgia

Debate

- Interventions - Discussion

15:30 – 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00-17:00 SESSION 3: SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

Moderator:

- Ms. Christine Lins, Executive Secretary, REN21

Input from participants on revisions to the Discussion Paper for the next day’s policy talk in line with debates of the preparatory workshop.

Closing remarks by UNECE

\(^1\) Russian version also available: [https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/energy/se/pdfs/gere/publ/2015/REN21_UNECE_Status_Russian.pdf](https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/energy/se/pdfs/gere/publ/2015/REN21_UNECE_Status_Russian.pdf)
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Welcome Addresses

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- Welcome address by Gianluca Sambucini, Secretary of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy, Sustainable Energy Division, **UNECE**
- Ms. Christine Lins, Executive Secretary, **REN21**
- H.E. Janos Herman, Ambassador, **Head of EU Delegation to Georgia**

**Presentation of Discussion Paper “Beyond hydro”:** “Beyond hydro: Recommendations for unblocking investments in renewable energy” updated on the basis of the Preparatory Workshop by Ms. Emily Koulouvaris, Managing Director, **Revelle Group**

**High-level Interventions from Georgian Stakeholders on Discussion Paper recommendations:**

- Ministry of Energy
- Ministry of Finance
- GNERC (Regulator)
- Parliament
- Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development

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11:00-13:00  POLICY HARD TALK

**Moderator:**

- Ms. Christine Lins, Executive Secretary, **REN21**

**Interventions by other stakeholders on Discussion Paper:**

- International Donor
- Private Sector Representative (Project Developer)
- International Financial Institution
- NGO representative

Open Discussion

Summary and Conclusions by REN21 / UNECE