

12-13 DECEMBER 2016

# New Possibilities for Developing Renewable Energy in Georgia



# HARDTALK

## AGENDA

**Monday, 12 December 2016**

### **Preparatory Workshop for Energy Experts & Practitioners**

*Participation is by invitation only*

**Venue: Public Service Hall, III floor, Sanapiro 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 Abramashvili, 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](#)<sup>1</sup> 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 Tavdumadze, 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

<sup>1</sup> 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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- 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

**10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK**

**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