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## **Seventh International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development**

18 - 21 October 2016, Baku, Azerbaijan

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### **Promoting Energy Efficiency in Azerbaijan and Other Countries of the Region**

19 October 2016, 9:00 – 13:00

*Workshop co-organizers: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Global Environment Facility (GEF), and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).*

Improvements in energy efficiency and greater investment in renewable energy in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia and in a wider region have potential to bring multiple benefits and be a driving force in achieving national goals on energy security, climate change mitigation, improved quality of life and other important objectives. This workshop is organized at the initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Regional Centre for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Istanbul Regional Hub, the Global Environment Facility (GEF), and UNDP Office in Azerbaijan. It will focus on presenting best practices and lessons learned from the GEF-sponsored and other projects in global energy efficiency investments in Azerbaijan and other countries of the region related to improvements in energy efficiency with a focus on public and residential buildings. This will include a discussion of the barriers to increased investment in energy efficiency as well as the means and tools that governments can use to best overcome these barriers. Experience in implementing energy efficiency and renewable energy projects supported by the GEF and implemented by the UNDP will be presented. The delegates will be invited to discuss the main issues and barriers as well as specific programmes and policies to promote energy efficiency in countries of the region, with the focus on energy efficiency in buildings and related renewable energy technologies in achieving the goals in climate change mitigation and sustainable development. One outcome of the workshop will be a brochure with outcomes of the workshop to be posted on the UNDP, UNECE, and GEF websites and distributed at COP22 in Marrakesh.

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### Main topics:

- Experience of UNDP and GEF with energy efficiency and related renewable energy projects in the Europe & CIS region
- Implementation of energy efficiency technologies and measures in residential buildings in the Europe & CIS region
- Lessons learned in implementing UNDP and GEF climate change mitigation projects and promoting energy for sustainable development

### Panel Moderators

- Mr. John O'Brien, Regional Technical Advisor on Climate Change Mitigation, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub
- Mr. Ming Yang, Senior Climate Change Specialist, GEF Secretariat

**Session I:** Different approaches to implementing energy efficiency programmes and projects in various countries in the Europe & CIS region

### Keynote Speaker

- Mr. Ming Yang, presenting GEF experience, lessons learnt, and knowledge management in energy efficiency investments by the GEF, with a focus on the region and GEF 2020 Prospects for Climate Change mitigation projects in Europe & CIS region (9:00 – 9:30)

9:30 – 10:30 Presentations followed by panel discussion

### Panel members:

- Ms. Khatira Abasova, Adviser, Department on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Energy, Azerbaijan
- Mr. Kostiantyn Gura, Acting Director of Green Investment Development Center, State Agency on Energy Efficiency and Energy Saving of Ukraine
- Ms. Antonela Solujic, Head, Department for Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Mining and Energy, Serbia
- Mr. Aleksandar Dukovski, Director, Energy Agency of the Republic of Macedonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Ms. Natalia Jamburia, Chief Specialist, Ministry of Energy, Georgia
- Mr. Emmanuel Bergasse, Energy Economist, Independent Expert, France

Coffee Break: 10:30 – 11:00

## **Session II: Energy Efficiency in Buildings – The UNDP and GEF Experience**

### **Keynote Speaker**

Mr. John O'Brien, presenting UNDP experience with energy efficiency projects in the Europe & CIS region and the UNDP De-Risking Approach (11:00 – 11:30)

11:00 – 12:30 Presentations followed by panel discussion

#### **Panel members:**

- Mr. Nazim Mammadov, Project Manager, NAMAs for low-carbon end-use sectors in Azerbaijan
- Mr. Sergei Volkov, UNDP GEF Energy Efficiency Public Buildings Project in Ukraine
- Mr. Vitaly Bekker, UNDP Russian Federation, UNDP GEF Project Manager Energy Efficiency Buildings
- Ms. Diana Harutyunyan, UNDP Climate Change Projects Coordinator, Mr. Vahram Jalalyan, UNDP-GEF "Improving Energy Efficiency in Buildings" Project Manager, Armenia (via video link)
- Mr. Kubilay Kavak, Project Manager, UNDP UNIDO Industrial Energy Efficiency Project, Turkey
- Ms. Irina Goryunova, Assistant Resident Representative, UNDP Office in Kazakhstan

12:45 – 13:00 General Discussion and Wrap Up

### **Target Audience**

Government officials, private sector including energy efficiency technology providers and vendors, energy service companies, local financial institutions and banks, civil society representatives, academia, and energy efficient technology users, including municipalities, hotels, commercial and residential building owners.