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## **Draft National Waste Management Strategy (Strategy) and the Draft National Waste Management Action Plan (Action Plan)**

### **Application of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) on the Waste Management Strategy and Action Plan**

#### **Public Consultation Workshop**

30 October, 2015

Venue: Hotel “Betsy” 32/34 Makashvili Str. 0108Tbilisi, Georgia

A joint public consultation workshop aims at presenting and discussing the Draft National Waste Management Strategy (Strategy) and the Draft National Waste Management Action Plan (AP) as well as the findings and recommendations of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) applied for these documents. The workshop is organized by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia in the framework of two projects: “Development of Legislation for Waste Management as part of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement”, funded by the EU Delegation to Georgia and implemented by the Particip GmbH, and “Greening Economies in the European Neighbourhood (EaP GREEN)”, financed by the European Commission, UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), OECD, UNEP, and UNIDO. Technical support of the workshop is provided by Georgia’s Environmental Outlook (GEO).

The public consultation workshop should result in obtaining feedback from the key stakeholders on the draft Strategy and Action Plan and the preliminary conclusions of the SEA. The comments and suggestions from the workshop will help to verify the planning outputs and SEA findings and recommendations. Furthermore, they will be integrated in the final versions of the Strategy, Action Plan, and the SEA Report, thereby contributing to their finalization in a participatory and transparent manner.

The workshop will gather representatives of the relevant ministries, international organizations and non-governmental organizations.

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09:00 - 09:30	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
09:30 – 10:00	<p><b>Opening/Welcome Speech</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Teimuraz Murgulia, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Maia Bitadze, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Alvaro Ortega Aparicio, Programme Manager of the EU Delegation to Georgia</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Elena Santer, Secretariat to the UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA)</i></p>
10:00 – 11:00	<p><b>Draft National Waste Management Strategy and Draft National Waste Management Action Plan (Presentation and Discussion)</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Arevrd Chankseliani – Head of the Waste and Chemicals Management Service</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Khatuna Gogaladze, Team Leader</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Kurt Terpgaard-Jensen, Consultant</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Irakli Legashvili, Consultant</i></p>
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Draft National Waste Management Strategy and Draft National Waste Management Action Plan (Continued) (Presentation and Discussion)</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Arevrd Chankseliani – Head of the Waste and Chemicals Management Service</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Khatuna Gogaladze, Team Leader</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Kurt Terpgaard-Jensen, Consultant</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Irakli Legashvili, Consultant</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00- 14:20	<p><b>Introduction to the UNECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment and technical assistance within the EU funded EaP GREEN Programme</b></p> <p><i>Ms. Elena Santer, UNECE Secretariat to the Espoo Convention and Protocol on SEA</i></p>

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14:20 – 14:45	<p><b>Introduction to the SEA Process and the SEA Pilot Project on the Waste Management Strategy and the Waste Management Action Plan in Georgia (Presentation and Discussion)</b></p> <p><i>Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku, UNECE Consultant</i>  <i>Ms. Irma Melikishvili, SEA Team Leader</i></p>
14:45 – 15:15	<p><b>Key SEA Findings and Preliminary Recommendations (Presentation and Discussion)</b></p> <p><i>SEA team</i></p>
15:15 -15:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15:45 – 16:30	<p><b>Key SEA Findings and Preliminary Recommendations (continued) (Presentation and Discussion)</b></p> <p><i>SEA team</i></p>
16:30 – 17:00	<b>Final remarks and closure of the meeting</b>

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