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Sustainable Forest Management and Sustainable Forest Products in the Caucasus and Central Asia

Environmental Performance Review Programme



**Capacity-building Workshop at Las2017 - Joint Session of the ECE
Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European
Forestry Commission**

11-12 October 2017, Warsaw, Poland

Environmental Performance Reviews

What is an EPR?

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- Review of progress made by the country in improving environmental policy
 - Voluntary exercise
 - Comprehensive approach
 - Done by experts from UNECE Member States and international organizations
 - Strong involvement of the country under review
- Recommendations
 - Addressed to the country under review
 - Agreed by all UNECE Member States
 - The country commits to implementation



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Objectives

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- Facilitate the strengthening of environmental policies through concrete recommendations to the country
- Promote integration of environmental policies into sectoral policies
- Facilitate exchange of experience between countries
- Strengthen cooperation with international community
- Contribute to achievement of SDGs



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Cycles and coverage

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- First cycle
 - 1994 – 2004 (2011)
 - 20 countries
- Second cycle
 - 2000-2013
 - 18 countries
- Third cycle
 - 2012 – ongoing

Morocco (2012)

Mongolia (2017)



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Environment and forestry

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- Description of the current situation
- Pressures from forestry on
- Impact from and adaptation to climate change
- Legal, policy and institutional framework:
- Participation in international agreements and processes
- Assessment, conclusions and recommendations



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Recommendations

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- Tajikistan
 - The Government should:
 - (a) Accelerate the reforestation and afforestation activities to reach the level of some 4,500 ha annually throughout the period 2016–2030, in order to offset the current deforestation trend;
 - (b) Undertake effective measures in existing forests towards mitigating the pressure posed by unsustainable livestock grazing and enhancing the natural forest regeneration potential;

- Georgia
 - The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection, in collaboration with the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, should conduct an evaluation of the environmental, economic and social potential of the country's forestry sector.



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Thank you!



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