Peer learning sessions of the 2021 Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE Region

Presentation of policy practices as a basis for the peer learning discussion

Session 3.3. Building back better: Climate resilient recovery

Title of intervention, country and name of presenter	**Overviewing Challenges and Response to Covid-19 in Armenia; Armenia, Armine Hayrapetyan**
Brief description	The Presentation addresses to the Country response to Covid-19, Challenges and difficulties emerged during the Lockdown, findings of the Socio-economic impact assessment throughout the country, and preparation of the Recovery framework based on the assessment findings together with the Government.
Policy goal(s) or challenge(s) to be addressed	- Increasing country resilience to existing and emergent risks, - Designing recovery recommendations and actions, - New approaches in response and recovery (all-of-society, resilient and green recovery approaches).
Instruments and proposals	- Tool: Socio-economic impact assessment / Proposal: 1. Development of National Covid-19 Recovery Strategy, 2. Funding of projects having included resilient recovery and green economy solutions. - Tool: Hospital Safety Assessment / Proposal: Development of Hospital Disaster Risk Management plans.
Constraints and difficulties	- Data management system and cooperation between different entities, - Clear role distribution in Disaster Risk Management (forthcoming solution: the New Law on DRM and Civil protection including Climate change Adaptation issues, covering 3 main pillars of Disaster Risk Identification and Mitigation, Emergency Preparedness and Response and Post-Disaster Recovery)
Lessons	Importance of Cooperation, Data Management, Scenario-Based decision making; Financial and Economic Risks usually considered whilst Natural, Climate-related, Technological and Biological Risks underestimated.
Links to additional materials	https://www.am.undp.org/content/armenia/en/home/library/socio-economic-impact-assessment-of-the-covid-19-outbreak-in-arm.html