



Welcome to the 2021 HardTalk in Georgia! The following elements will constitute this highly interactive, virtual workshop.

- An **introductory presentation of the challenge / discussion topic** will be given by experts from a donor/financier to introduce and provide context of the discussion topic, followed by a Q&A session and an open discussion.
- **Presentations of different perspectives** from multiple national and international stakeholders will be given to provide further context and aspects (from a policy, market and social perspective), which are to be considered and discussed, followed by a Q&A session and an open discussion.
- **Discussion with all participants in break-out rooms** to enable the wider participation of the audience. This is not a webinar but is rather constructed as a virtual invite-only workshop involving key stakeholders in the Georgian energy sector.
  - On the first day, an initial break-out session to identify key challenges for supporting investments in renewable energy, followed by a second break-out session to determine drivers for change.
  - On the second day, the first break-out session will focus on reflections on the key challenges from Day 1. The second break-out session will discuss potential solutions, recommendations & next steps.
- **Formulation of solutions and recommendations** will be carried out, agreed upon and documented.
- A **summary** of possible solutions, recommendations and next steps will conclude the HardTalk. These recommendations will be distributed to participants and the global energy community in the weeks following.

## AGENDA

**Day 1 of 2, Tuesday, 12 October 2021, 11:30-14:45 GET (09:30-12:45 CET)**

- *Investigating bottlenecks and identifying drivers for change from policy, markets and society*

**Georgian Time**

**11:30-11:50 Welcome and Introduction to HardTalk Day 1 (20 minutes)**

Ms. Rana Adib, Executive Director, REN21

Mr. Laurence Green, Renewable Energy Expert, German Energy Agency (dena)

Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, Secretary of GERE/UNECE

Mr. David Tvalabeishvili, Deputy Minister MoESD / Mr. Zaza Chikhradze, Head of Energy Reforms and International Relations Department, MoESD

Mr. Murman Margvelashvili, Director – Energy Studies, WEG

- 11:50-11:55**      **Participants' introduction in chat (5 minutes)**  
 Facilitator:      Mr. Murman Margvelashvili, Director – Energy Studies, WEG
- 11:55-12:10**      **Topic / Challenge introduction and Q&A (15 minutes)**  
 Mr. Dan Potash, Chief of Party, USAID Securing Georgia's Energy Future Program
- 12:10-12:30**      **Audience discussions on topic/challenge (in break-out groups) (20 minutes)**  
 Facilitator:      Mr. Murman Margvelashvili, Director – Energy Studies, WEG
- 12:30-12:45**      **Break (15 minutes)**
- 12:45 -13:30**      **Context-setting presentations on *investigating bottlenecks and drivers to RE investment, Q&A* (45 minutes)**  
***Policy landscape for RE investments***  
 Mr. Tornike Kazarashvili Head of Energy Policy and Investment Projects Department at MoESD  
***Markets and regulatory structures***  
 Mr. Irakli Galdava, Deputy Director General at Georgian Energy Exchange  
***Society support***  
 Ms. Liana Garibashvili, Energy Efficiency Centre and Covenant of Mayors, Caucasus
- 13:30-13:50**      **Audience discussions on drivers and levers for change (in break-out groups) (20 minutes)**  
 Facilitator:      Mr. Murman Margvelashvili, Director – Energy Studies, WEG
- 13:50-14:25**      **Reporting back from break-out groups, and open-space discussions (35 minutes)**
- 14:25-14:35**      **Conclusions and Recommendations (10 minutes)**  
 UNECE Re-Uptake Project Team (UNECE, REN21, dena)
- 14:35-14:40**      **HardTalk Day 1 – Key takeaways for Georgia (5 minutes)**  
 Ms. Margalita Arabidze, Deputy Head of Energy Policy Department, MoESD
- 14:40-14:45**      **Summary & next steps (5 minutes)**  
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**Please find the agenda for day two on the following page**

## AGENDA

**Day 2 of 2, Wednesday, 13 October 2021, 11:30-14:45 GET (09:30-12:45 CET)**

- *Moving to action with solutions and recommendations*

Georgian Time

- 11:30-11:40**     **Welcome back and Introduction to HardTalk Day 2 (20 minutes)**  
 Ms. Vibhushree Hamirwasia, Projects and Community Manager, REN21 Secretariat  
 Facilitator:     Mr. Murman Margvelashvili, Director – Energy Studies, WEG
- 11:40-11:50**     **Summary of Day 1 (10 minutes)**  
 UNECE Re-Uptake Project Team (UNECE, REN21, dena)  
 Ms. Margalita Arabidze, Deputy Head of Energy Reforms & International Relations, MoESD
- 11:50-12:10**     **Audience reflections on day 1 (in break-out groups) (20 minutes)**  
 Facilitator:     Mr. Murman Margvelashvili, Director – Energy Studies, WEG
- 12:10-12:25**     **Topic / Challenge introduction and Q&A (15 minutes)**  
 Ms. Keti Sandroshvili, Senior Energy Expert at EBRD project
- 12:25-12:40**     **Break (15 minutes)**
- 12:40-13:25**     **Sharing of perspectives: presentations on *recommendations for moving to action*, Q&A (45 minutes)**  
***Policy landscape***  
 Mr. Nugzar Khaindrava, Project Manager at GEDF  
***Markets and Regulatory Structures***  
 Mr. Rakesh Naik, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at Adjaristsqali Georgia LLC  
***Society Support***  
 Mr. Giorgi Abramishvili, Executive Director at Georgian RE Development Association
- 13:25-13:45**     **Audience discussions on outcomes and recommendations (in break-out groups) (20 minutes)**  
 Facilitator:     Mr. Murman Margvelashvili, Director – Energy Studies, WEG
- 13:45-14:20**     **Reporting back from break-out groups and open-space discussions (35 minutes)**
- 14:20-14:30**     **Conclusions and Recommendations (10 minutes)**  
 UNECE Re-Uptake Project Team (UNECE, REN21, dena)
- 14:30-14:40**     **HardTalk Day 2 – Key takeaways for Georgia (10 minutes)**  
 Ms. Margalita Arabidze, Deputy Head of Energy Reforms & International Relations, MoESD
- 14:40-14:45**     **HardTalk wrap-up & end (5 minutes)**  
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