



UN Development Account project

“Strengthening energy policies of Countries with Special Needs to build back better from COVID-19”

National Stakeholder Consultation Workshop

Yerevan, Armenia

Holiday Inn Hotel, 2 Amiryan Street, "Yerevan" Hall

25 November 2022, 10:00-12:00 (Yerevan time)

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) are implementing jointly the UNDA project [“Strengthening energy policies of Countries with Special Needs to build back better from COVID-19”](#) (January 2022-June 2025) for eight beneficiary countries. UNECE is responsible for activities in three of them: Armenia, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan. The project is aimed at supporting national Armenian obligations in the framework of the SDGs implementation. The main goal of the project is to develop a roadmap to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7) “Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy sources for all.”

The National Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on the Development of an SDG7 Roadmap for the Republic of Armenia will present the National Expert SDG Tool for Energy Planning ([NEXSTEP](#)), which is an integrated and innovative approach to policy decision-making that combines technical, economic, and socio-environmental analysis under a methodology that has been peer-reviewed by a panel of external experts. The tool supports the development of national SDG 7 roadmaps to provide policymakers with scenarios that estimate the share of different energy resources and identify the technological interventions required; economic analyses to provide insights into feasible interventions; and policy analyses to guide the development of balanced national policies.

The NEXSTEP methodology has now been demonstrated through [implementation in 11 countries](#). In the UNECE region, Georgia’s SDG 7 roadmap was completed in 2020 and that for Kyrgyzstan was finalized in 2022. The tool continues to be developed in an ongoing process of refinement and improvement. In the future, NEXSTEP will be made available as an online tool, providing easy access for policymakers to further refine their national roadmaps.

Draft Agenda

10:00 – 10:20	Welcoming Remarks	Ms. Victoria Keshishyan, Head of Division on behalf of Mr. Hakob Vardanyan, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia Ms. Christine Weigand, UN Resident Coordinator a.i. in Armenia Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE Mr. Michael Williamson, Chief of Section, Energy Division, ESCAP (by video)
10:20 – 10:30	Introduction and Overview of the Project	Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, Regional Adviser, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE
10:30 – 10:45	Overview of the energy sector of the Republic of Armenia	Ms. Victoria Keshishyan, Head of Division, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia
10:45 – 11:15	Overview of NEXSTEP and SDG7 Roadmap	Mr. Anis Zaman, Consultant, ESCAP Mr. Vitaly Bekker, Consultant, UNECE Mr. Suren Shatvoryan, Consultant, UNECE
11:15 – 11:30	Experience of developing and implementing of the National SDG7 Roadmap of Georgia	Mr. Omar Tsereteli, Deputy Head, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Policy and Sustainable Development Department, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
11:30 – 11:45	Inventory and preparation of SDG indicators	Ms. Anahit Avetisyan, Head, Industry and Energy Statistics Division, Statistical Committee of the Republic of Armenia
11:45 – 11:55	Q&A and Discussion	Moderated by Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE
11:55 – 12:00	Wrap-Up and closing remarks	Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE