

TALKING POINTS

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**Second National Stakeholder Consultation Workshop and Capacity Building on the National Expert SDG Tool for Energy Planning (NEXSTEP) for the SDG 7 Roadmap for Armenia
UN Development Account project**

**“Strengthening energy policies of Countries with Special Needs to build back better from COVID-19”
Yerevan, Armenia and online**

Ani Grand Hotel 65, Hanrapetutyuan Street

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09:30-13:45

Dear Mr. Abrahamyan, Head of the Regional Energy Markets Development Division, Energy Department, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia

Dear Mr. Dzioubinski, Regional Adviser, Sustainable Energy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Dear Mr. Williamson, Chief of Section, Energy Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Distinguished participants from Armenia and Georgia, colleagues from UNECE, UNESCAP, and UNDP, and media representatives

- It is an honor and great pleasure to welcome you at the Second National Stakeholder Consultation Workshop for Armenia under the UNESCAP-UNECE project “Strengthening energy policies of Countries with Special Needs to build back better from COVID-19” in Yerevan on behalf of the UNDP Armenia. We are proud that this is the second meeting held here in Armenia and supported by UNDP Armenia within the framework of this Project.
- I will not exaggerate if I say that this project is instrumental for the implementation of Armenia’s international commitments, including the achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and, in particular the Paris Convention.
- Since 2000, UNDP has been supporting the Government of Armenia on climate change, with a particular focus on energy efficiency policy development. UNDP Armenia is one of the pioneers, supporting the Government in development of energy efficiency and renewable energy related standards and regulations.
- Also, I would like to highlight long-standing fruitful cooperation between UNDP and UNECE, not only on the large number of jointly organized events, workshops and forums but also the regional IKI-funded project (led by UNECE) on “Improving the energy efficiency of the global building supply chain industry and its products to deliver high performance buildings”, which hopefully will be launched very soon.
- Finally, I would like to assure that UNDP in Armenia will exert every effort to assist the Government of Armenia in promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy as well as in building national capacities to lower carbon emissions in Armenia, thus reducing energy poverty and achieving the ultimate environmental goal of the country.

Thank you.