

Workshop to promote good agricultural practice to reduce ammonia emissions and improve nitrogen management in Georgia.

17-18 September 2024

Venue: “Courtyard by Marriott Tbilisi” hotel, 4 Freedom Square, Tbilisi 0105, Georgia

Main objectives:

- To raise awareness on impacts of ammonia emissions from agriculture on environment
- To discuss national and international legal instruments to control ammonia emissions from agricultural sector
- To promote the voluntary national “Code of Good agricultural practices for reducing ammonia emissions”
- To discuss the possibilities of applying best practices and the benefits farmers can derive from such application

TENTATIVE AGENDA

DAY 1 - 17 September	
10.00 – 10.10	Opening and welcoming statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Noe Megrelishvili - Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture</i> • <i>Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa - Regional Advisor, UNECE</i>
10.10 - 10.20	Tour de table <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introductions and expression of expectations from participants</i>
10:20 – 11:20	The impacts of ammonia emissions from agriculture on biodiversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Why it is important to reduce ammonia pollution from the agricultural sector</i> - <i>Mr. Jean-Marie Lescot, UNECE consultant.</i> • <i>National and international regulations to control ammonia emissions from agriculture</i> - <i>Mr. Noe Megrelishvili, Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture</i> • <i>Q&A</i>
11:20 - 11:35	Coffee break
11.35 - 13.00	Code for Good Agricultural Practice for Reducing Ammonia Emissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Livestock feeding strategies (Ruminants, pigs and poultry)</i> - <i>Mr. Jean-Marie Lescot, UNECE consultant.</i> • <i>Q&A, discussion</i> • <i>Animal housing systems (cattle, pigs, poultry buildings)</i> - <i>Mr. Jean-Marie Lescot, UNECE consultant.</i> • <i>Q&A, discussion</i>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break

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14:00 –16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manure management, (manure storage systems, manure spreading techniques) - Mr. Jean-Marie Lescot, UNECE consultant. • <i>Q&A, discussion</i> • Mineral fertilizers (Urea, Ammonium sulphate/phosphate/bicarbonate) - Mr. Jean-Marie Lescot, UNECE consultant. • <i>Q&A, discussion</i>
16:00 - 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 –17:00	Exchange of experiences, challenges and opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Case studies in the EU</i> - Mr. Jean-Marie Lescot, UNECE consultant • Good Agricultural Practices for nitrogen fertilizers and manure management in Georgia - Iliia Kunchulia, Georgian Farmers' Association • Discussion of next steps and opportunities for low-emission practices - all participants • Wrap up and brief overview on what to expect on next sessions - Mr. Noe Megrelishvili, Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture
DAY 2 - 18 September	
9.00 - 9.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of the previous day's key points - Mr. Noe Megrelishvili, Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture • Any additional points or feedback from previous sessions - all participants Outcomes of the online survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of analysis of responses gathered from farms - Mr. Davit Darsavelidze, UNECE consultant. • <i>Q&A, discussion</i>
9.30 - 11.00	Practical exercises based on different scenarios in the agricultural sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working in groups
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee break
11.15 - 13.00	Continue of practical work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of group work and discussion (all groups) • Wrap-up and key learning - Mr. Jean-Marie Lescot, UNECE consultant Closing of the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr. Noe Megrelishvili, Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture, – Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE Regional Advisor?
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break
14.00 - 17.00	Farm visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive to the cattle farm in Tibaani, Sighnaghi Municipality, Kakheti region and return to Tbilisi

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