



**“Building Armenia’s National Transparency Framework
under the Paris Agreement” UNDP-GEF Project**

**“National Adaptation Plan to Advance Medium and Long-term Adaptation Planning in
Armenia” UNDP-GCF Project**

WORKSHOP

Introductory Training on Climate Change Transparency Framework

12-13 May, 2022

The key objective of the workshop is to introduce participants to climate change challenges, bring awareness to the international and Armenian arrangements to address climate change, as well as to introduce tools to enhance transparency requirements as defined in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement for measuring and reporting on emissions, mitigation and adaptation activities, and climate finance support that is received by the country. The training will enable participants to build and share applicable knowledge on climate change and the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), as well as tools to meet the provisions of the Paris Agreement.

The training will focus on three areas:

- 1) improvements in the greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory;
- 2) improvements in the frameworks for transparency of action and support; and
- 3) international best practice and knowledge exchange.

The target audience is members of Inter-Agency Coordinating Council on Climate Change (Council), its working groups, state stakeholders and expert community.

Language: The event will be conducted in Armenian with simultaneous English translation

Format: This will be a 2-day event, featuring presentations, Q&A and breakout sessions. In order to enable Council members to participate in the training the first half of the first day will be organized in Yerevan and the other sessions will be organized outside Yerevan.

The workshop will be conducted in hybrid format. Zoom link for joining the workshop is available at: <https://undp.zoom.us/j/85763549493>

Day 1 Session 1&2 to be conducted at Tigran Mets Hall, Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan

Day 1 Session 3, 4, 5 and Day 2 (entirely) to be conducted at Tsaghkadzor Marriott Hotel.

Transportation will be provided by the Project Team from the Republican Square (in front of Marriott Armenia hotel).

AGENDA
DAY 1 - CLIMATE CHANGE: CAUSES AND IMPACTS, ARMENIAN CONTEXT,
UN SCIENTIFIC AND REGULATORY CONTEXT

| Time | Content | Moderators |
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| 09:00-09:30 | Registration | |
| 09:30-09:45 | Welcome speeches UNDP and RA Ministry of Environment | |
| Session 1: Climate Change: Global and Armenian Context | | |
| 09:45-10:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the evolution of climate change and its challenges, recognition and international regulation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causes and impacts: overview of the scientific and regulatory baselines • Milestones in multilateral climate agreements and policymaking • Institutions (e.g., IPCC, COP, subsidiary bodies) • International treaties on climate change and related areas • Climate change and the Sustainable Development Goals • Socio-economic and environmental benefits and impacts from taking mitigation and adaptation actions • Q&A | Marta Simonetti, Managing Director, Globalfields |
| 10:30-10:45 | Coffee break | |
| Session 2: Legal and Policy Framework for Climate Action in Armenia | | |
| 10:45-11:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitments of Armenia under the Paris Agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (i)NDC-2015 • NDC-2021 • Interlinkages with commitments of Armenia under the Eurasian Economic Union and EU Partnership (CEPA Agreement and its Roadmap) • Overview of current climate relevant legal-regulatory framework in Armenia and as appropriate reference to necessary/suggested improvements considering international good practices | Luciano Asinelli, Legal & Policy Analyst, Globalfields |
| 11:30-11:50 | • Armenia's National Adaptation Plan: framework strategy, mandate, values and principles, action plan and oversight | Heghine Grigoryan, Legal Expert, UNDP GCF NAP Project |
| 11:50-12:00 | Q&A | |
| 12:00-12:45 | Lunch | |
| 13:00 | Departure to Tsaghkadzor | |

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| 14:00-14:15 | Arrival and check-in | |
| Session 3: Introduction to the Transparency Framework | | |
| 14:30-15:15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) and the Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system • Content of Article 13 of the Paris Agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COP decisions on updated ETF including COP26 • Evolving decisions to national reporting • Changes in reporting requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biennial Update Report versus Biennial Transparency Report | Maia Rossi, Senior ESG Specialist |
| Session 4: National Adaptation Planning Process | | |
| 15:15-16:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Adaptation Planning (NAP) process: global context • NAP process in Armenia: challenges and opportunities • Funding sources for adaptation (GCF, AF, GEF): challenges and opportunities for Armenia | Ephrat Yovel, International Consultant Aram Ter-Zakaryan, Team Leader Expert, UNDP GCF NAP Project |
| 16:00-16:15 | Coffee break | |
| Session 5: MRV of Adaptation Policies and Measures | | |
| 16:15-17:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements for information collection and reporting, verification policies, projects and actions (ex-ante or ex-post), including GHG emissions reduction from adaptation activities, climate resilience and socio-economic benefits • Monitoring of implementation of progress on policies, projects, and actions aimed at adaptation to the climate change impacts • Adaptation issues in forestry sector relevant to MRV • Gender aspects • Comparator country case studies | Caroline Petersen, Adaptation Specialist |
| 17:00-17:30 | Q&A Day 1 | |
| 18:00 | Dinner | |

DAY 2 - BASICS OF MRV IN MITIGATION AND SPECIFIC MRV APPROACHES

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| 09:30-10:00 | Recap of Day 1 | |
| Session 6: MRV of Support Needed and Received | | |
| 10:00-10:45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of MRV of support needed and received • Methodologies recommended and international experience • Climate Funds and Climate Finance Instruments, bilateral donors • Particular attention to gender aspects • Comparator country case studies | Andreas Biermann, Director, Globalfields |
| Session 7: Requirements for Tracking NDC Implementation under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement and MRV of GHG Emissions and Removals | | |
| 10:45-11:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRV system of climate action and support: elements and sustainability • Existing institutional arrangements relevant for comprehensive MRV system in Armenia | Andreas Biermann, Director, Globalfields & Tigran Sukiasyan, Senior Climate Finance Specialist |
| 11:30-11:45 | Coffee break | |
| 11:45-12:30 | MRV of GHG Emissions and Removals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing GHG inventory under the ETF • National, organizational and facility levels • Planning of GHG inventory, activity data collection, analysis and reporting • Forest sector GHG inventory gaps and problems (activity data and reporting) • Gender aspects | Maia Rossi, Senior ESG Specialist |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch | |
| Session 8: MRV of Mitigation Policies and Measures | | |
| 13:30-14:15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements for information collection and reporting, verification policies, projects and actions (ex-ante or ex-post), including GHG emissions reduction, climate resilience and socio-economic benefits • Monitoring of implementation of progress on policies, projects, and actions aimed at mitigation to the climate change impacts • Crosscutting impacts of forestry sector activities, MRV, including data relevant to commitments of Armenia under NDC and Bonn Challenge • Gender aspects • Comparator country case studies | Andreas Biermann, Director, Globalfields |
| 14:15-14:45 | Q&A Day 2 | |
| 14:45-15:00 | Close/ Recap and Post Evaluation UNDP and RA Ministry of Environment | |
| 15:00 | Departure to Yerevan | |