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**“PREPARATION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR THE GHGS
MITIGATION MEASURES PLANNED TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE
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PLAN) “**

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(Sustainable Energy Action Plan)“

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ACRONYMS

CoM	Covenant of Mayors
GHG	Green House Gas emissions
SEAP	Sustainable Energy Action Plan
EL-LEDS	Enhancing Capacity for Low Emission Development Strategies
GCF	Green Climate Fund
EPC	Energy Performance Contract
NAMA	Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The second phase of the workshop on “Preparation of project proposals for the GHGs mitigation measures to be implemented in the sectors considered in SEAPs (Sustainable Energy Action Plan)” was held on November 27, 2015 in Tbilisi, Hotel Coste (See training Agenda in Annex A). Winrock Georgia and “Remissia” jointly organized the training within the project “Enhancing Capacity for Low Emission Development Strategies (EC-LEDS)/Clean Energy Program”. The Representatives of 13 CoM signatory municipalities participated in the training (See list of participants in Annex B).

This second phase was dedicated to the consideration of concrete project proposals started during Batumi workshop and finalized later. Three proposals: Sustainable Development Agency of Akhaltsikhe, Programmatic Approach in Low-Emission Rehabilitation of Buildings and Energy Efficiency Lightening of "Rabati Fortress" were presented and discussed.

In addition, low-emission building NAMA proposal developed by the country was presented to the representatives of municipalities in order to have an understanding of broader picture of paradigm shift planned by the Government in relation to INDC and Paris Treaty and commitments within EU association.

2 TRAINING -WORKSHOP SUMMARY AND RESULTS

2.1 PURPOSE AND CONTENT

The main objective of the second phase of the workshop was the finalization of two project ideas identified during the phase one. The workshop focused on development of practical skills of participants to finalize the proposals - translating the project ideas into the proposal that would address all possible concerns of donors and stakeholders in comprehensive manner so that proposal becomes attractive, viable and convincing. Special attention and consideration were given to legal barriers for implementation.

During the discussions it was identified that newly emerged, small self-governing cities have similar problems that could be solved more easily with the joint forces. Therefore the municipalities and cities might think about a programmatic approach (program for several cities) in certain sectors (building and transport).

2.2 PRESENTATIONS

The workshop was opened and welcomed by **EC-LEDS project COP**. She thanked all training participants for being so actively involved in municipalities’ capacity building process provided by the project. She also highlighted the significance of the project for municipalities’ capacity building for fulfillment of their voluntarily commitments under the CoM process. Finally, Mrs. Pkhaladze introduced the workshop Agenda and invited **EC-LEDS project deputy COP**.

The DCOP shared with participants his latest activities with donors and findings on available financial sources. He particularly highlighted the importance and potential of GCF (Green Climate Fund) and E5P.

After the welcome speeches and round-table introductions by the participants, consultant for the Component One of EC-LEDS project, made the presentation about the low-emission building NAMA project proposal prepared by the Government of Georgia for submission to the GCF (Green Climate Fund). In her presentation she highlighted main elements of proposal (public buildings, heat supply sector, introduction of ESCOs and EPC (Energy Performance Contract). Programmatic approach for full renovation of building sector

with EE measures was discussed as main concept of building NAMA proposal and as a basis of proposal on rehabilitation of kindergarten in Tbilisi city.

Next speaker was the Director of "New Technologies Center". Two presentations were done by him: EE Outdoor Lightening of "Rabati Fortress" and Low-Emission Renovation of Tbilisi Kindergartens (programmatic approach). Both presentations proved to be interesting for workshop participants but particularly the kindergarten rehabilitation program caused a lot of questions.

The last presentation was done by project manager from Remissia on Sustainable Development Agency to be established by the Municipality of Akhaltsikhe.

2.3 DISCUSSIONS

To the end of the workshop representative of Mtkheta-Mtianeti region Mr. Shalva Givishvili opened the discussion on sustainable development agencies to be established by the Government under the administrative reforms. Participants put questions about the role and responsibility of such agencies and difference between bottoms up and top down approaches. Majority of participants supported the bottom-up approach when initiative comes from municipalities and is based on the needs of municipalities. However, it was concluded that these two approaches do not contradict with each other but can support and strengthen each other.

2.4 RESULTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND NEXT STEPS

The main result of this training is that participants strengthened their knowledge and skills 1) to identify the project ideas according to the priorities that they have within the municipalities; 2) to define clearly the problem, objective, actions, barriers and opportunities. After the training the representatives of the municipalities should have better understanding of the criteria used by the donor organizations while selecting the proposals for funding.

2.5 PARTICIPANTS

In total 18 representatives of 13 municipalities, 4 representatives of Remissia and 2 representatives of Winrock Georgia attended the workshop.

2.6 TRAINING DATE(S) AND LOGISTICS

Training –workshop was held on November 27, 2015 in Tbilisi, Georgia. The workshop venue was the Coste Hotel.

3 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation for the next step was to organize workshop dedicated to the development of the building and transport sectors joint/programmatic proposal for E5P or GCF funds.

4 ANNEX A. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

ORGANIZATION
ADMINISTRATION OF MTSKHETA MUNICIPALITY (GAMGEOBA)
TBILISI CITY HALL
TBILISI CITY HALL
ADMINISTRATION OF TIANETI MUNICIPALITY (GAMGEOBA)
TELAVI CITY HALL
Telavi City Hall
Telavi City Hall
AKHALTSIKHE CITY HALL
AKHALTSIKHE CITY HALL
ZUGDIDI CITY HALL
BATUMI CITY HALL
GORI CITY HALL
MTSKHETA CITY HALL
BOLNISI MUNICIPALITY

KUTAISI CITY HALL
KUTAISI CITY HALL
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5 ANNEX B. PHOTOS

