
(Science, Education, Green Economy for Sustainable Development)

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RA “Post Rio+20” Commission

- The Worldwide Process (regional, thematically, major groups, eminent persons).
- Selection of the Commission members (co-chairs of sub commissions) – Association call through networks and meeting in Aarhus-centre 15.11.2013 (14 NGOs).
- 09.01.2013 – Decision of the RA Prime – Minister.
- Structure of Commission under the RA NCSD (14 representatives from 13 NGOs, 1 representative of NAS, 15 representatives from Government).
- Selection of 6 target regions for discussions.
- Project «Enabling dialogue between governmental structures and non-governmental sector within the framework of the “Post Rio+20” process in Armenia» EU/GEF.
The Target and Objectives of the Project

- **The primary target of the proposed project** is to enable adequate environment for ensuring efficient involvement of national NGO sector to the works of the Interdepartmental Commission, established for implementations of the recommendations of “Rio+20” Summit, particularly in working out the National Program “Post-Rio+20” for 2015-2025 on implementation of “Rio+20” recommendations.

- The proposed project is extremely important for overcoming the following problems (the objectives of the project):
  1. **Inadequate information flow**: often, the dialogue between the NGOs and the government is not taking place because of the lack of the adequate flow / exchange of information from both sides and reluctance for compromise. It is believed that the participation of qualified experts capable to work with both sides and propose scientifically proven compromising and balanced solutions, objectives is vital for ensuring a successful and continuous dialogue.
  2. **Low capacities of NGOs to interact with the government**: as a practice, NGOs have not enough experience in carrying out effective dialogue with authorities and this circumstance may marginalize NGOs role in the Commission’s works.
  3. **Marginalization of regional-level stakeholders**: Regional-level stakeholders are usually not adequately involved in the national policy dialogs due to the lack of financial resources. The EU funding will allow engaging the representatives from the regions/communities in this process through broader outreach activities.
Coordination of Post Rio+20 process in Armenia

National Council on Sustainable Development
under chairmanship of Prime Minister

Intergovernmental Commission
under chairmanship of First Deputy Minister – Head of Staff of Government

11 Sub-commissions
(Working Groups)
Structure of RA “Post–Rio +20” Commission

COMMISSION

CHAIR OF COMMISSION

Vice-Chair- from Government

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Vice-Chair- from NGO-sector

Members of Commission
(Representative of governmental and non-governmental sectors, co-chairs of sub commissions)
Draft Directions and Concept of Sustainable Governance

Sources: The main urgent environmental issues of Armenia (national reports and oth.). The Outcome Document of the UN “Rio+20” Summit “The Future We Want”.

Directions:

• Main thematic areas of the Commission work in the framework “Green Economy for Sustainable Development”:
  • Mining, environment and human health,
  • Development of alternative energy and energy efficiency,
  • Sustainable management of water resources,
  • Sustainable waste management,
  • Development of organic farming,
  • Development of sustainable tourism,
  • Sustainable cities/development of green architecture,
  • Sustainable forest management, preservation of biodiversity,
  • Implementation of the UN Decade on “Education for Sustainable Development”
  • Transformation of MDG to SDG. SD indicators and index,
  • Assistance to the process by legal and economic instruments.
Side-event: Sustainable Development Index Methodology - Possible Options

The organizer – Republic of Armenia
Scheme of the Project Implementation

- **Preparation of the information package** related to recommendations of Rio+20 and national environmental situation in this context.

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Scheme of the Project Implementation

- 6 Regional Seminars and 1 seminar in Yerevan
- 11 Round table discussions,
- Distribution of the elaborated draft documents trough e-network for comments (+ web-site)
- Elaboration of the final version of draft National Strategic Program “Post-Rio+20” (Green Economy for Sustainable Development) taking into account comments got via
- Concluding round table for agreement of the final version of the Draft National Strategic Program “Post-Rio+20”.

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
Scheme of the Project Implementation

- **Submission of final version** of the Draft National Strategic Program “Post-Rio+20” to the Commission for adoption.

- **Publication** of the brochure containing brief information on the project, and texts of elaborated Draft **National Program “Post-Rio+20”**

- **National conference “Implementation of recommendations of “Rio+20” Summit in Armenia”**. Presentation of information on the project, the major achievements and developed papers, as well as published brochure. *Participants: government, local authorities, communities, NGOs, Academia, private sector, other major groups, independent experts.*

- **Commission will submit the Draft National Strategic Program “Post-Rio+20” to NCSD and RA Government for formal approval.**

- **Monitoring of the process implementation of National Strategic Program “Post-Rio+20” (Green economy for Sustainable Development) in Armenia.**
Thank you for attention