



WASTE GOVERNANCE IN ARMENIA
Swedish-Armenian SDG Expert Exchange Program
Kickoff Workshop – December 5-7, 2018

AGENDA

DAY ONE (Wednesday, Dec 5, 2018)			
Time	Presenter's name	Organization	Topic/Presentation title
Welcome words and introducing the project			
10:00	Alen Amirkhanian	AUA Acopian Center for the Environment	Welcome
	Randall Rhodes	AUA Provost	Opening remarks
	Arsen Gasparyan	Senior Adviser to the Acting Prime Minister of Armenia	Opening remarks
	Martin Fredriksson	Swedish Embassy in Armenia	Opening remarks
	Therese Rosenblad	LIFE Foundation (Sweden)	Opening remarks
Introducing the workshop			
10:30	Eva Myrin	Milav (Sweden)	Waste management in a broader context of global and local challenges and opportunities
10:50	Sandra Lindblom	Milav (Sweden)	Expectations of the workshop
11:10	Alen Amirkhanian	AUA Acopian Center	Key directions of solid waste policy development
11:20	Harutyun Alpetyan	AUA Acopian Center	Expectations of the project
11:30	15 min. coffee break		
Where is Armenia today? Part 1			
11:45	Alen Amirkhanian	AUA Acopian Center	WM, & Armenia's Institutional Map
12:05	Narine Avetyan	Ministry of Territorial Administration	Major WM activities at the national level
12:25	Artur Grigoryan	Environmental Protection and Mining Inspectorate	Waste related issues of the inspectorate
13:45	Artak Khachatryan	Ministry of Nature Protection	Hazardous and Agricultural Waste Overview
13:05	<i>Group Activity 1</i>	Milav	<i>Given what you know and what you just heard, what are the three most important gaps to fill?</i>
14:00	Lunch break		
Where is Armenia today? Part 2			
15:00	Irina Ghaplanyan	Ministry of Nature Protection	Waste activities at the MNP
15:20	Gayane Gharabekyan	UNDP	Obsolete Pesticides (POP) elimination at Nubarashen landfill.
15:30	Elena Manvelyan	Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment (AWHHE)	AWHHE projects on Hazardous Waste
15:40	Armine Tukhikyan	Urban Foundation	Plastic Waste Recycling Projects
15:50	Michael Aloyan	American Waste Industries	Biomass Reduction & Bioremediation Processes/Products
16:00	20 min. coffee break		

16:20	Lusine Nalbandyan	ORWACO	Environmental closed loop: from organic waste to organic fertilizers
16:30	Davit Karamyan	AM Eska	Tire processing to get diesel, carbon briquettes, and metal scrap
16:40	Hovhannes Ghazaryan	My Step Foundation	Plastic-free Armenia
16:50	Sofia Manukyan	Civil Society	Waste management development in Armenia: 5 year overview
17:00	<i>Group Activity 2</i>	Milav	<i>Now that we've heard this, do we still agree on the gaps?</i>
18:00	<i>End</i>		

DAY TWO (Thursday, Dec 6, 2018)			
Time	Activity	Organization	Description
10:00	Recollections of yesterday <i>Questions, comments, additions?</i>	LIFE, AUA Acopian Center	Quick review to clear out possible misunderstandings (either direction).
10:15	Presentation round		All participants introduce themselves.
10:55	EU examples: Sweden and Estonia	Milav	Realistic examples of how something else is possible.
11:40	<i>Group activity 3: For whom are we doing this? Why?</i>	LIFE Milav	For who are we doing this? Why? <i>Economy, Health, Environment</i>
12:15	<i>Group activity 4: How are we going to do this?</i>	Milav	Armenia is to become a leading nation on circular economy and waste management. You are expert advisors for the government. <i>What are the most important areas to focus on for Armenia?</i>
13:00	<i>Presentation of group work 4</i>		
14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>		
15:00	Focus areas: practical examples from other countries. How can the identified prioritized areas be addressed?	Milav	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waste Management Planning - Financing - EPR - Agricultural waste - Waste to Energy incl. gas - Public awareness - Collection systems - Hazardous waste incl. WEEE - Circular economy, waste prevention - Collaboration
16:15	<i>15 min. coffee break</i>		
17:00	<i>Group work 5: Specific problems within the identified focus areas.</i>	Milav, LIFE	Based on the presentations and group work 4, a few areas will be looked into more closely. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial issues in Brazil - Linear economy in Denmark - Mutual mistrust in Greece/Botswana - Estonia?
	<i>Presentations of group work 5</i>		
18:00	<i>End</i>		

DAY THREE (Friday, Dec 7, 2018)			
Time	Activity	Organization	Description
10:00	Recollections of yesterday. <i>Questions, comments, additions?</i>	LIFE, AUA Acopian Center	Quick review to clear out possible misunderstandings (either direction).
10:15	Development of relevant focus areas	Milav	According to what's come up during the reviews of the previous days. Back-up.
11:15	<i>Group work 6: Most important areas—why are we not there yet? What are the main challenges?</i>	Milav	Develop the roots of the problem tree—the causes. Then flip and find intermediate objectives. Categorise challenges into institutional, financial, technical issues. (10 min individually)
11:45	<i>Presentations of group work 6</i>		
12:45	<i>What's my part, how can I contribute?</i>		
13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>		
14:00	<i>Group work 7: Actors in the waste management network.</i>	Milav	What actors need to be involved in a circular economy? What links are necessary? Which ones already exist?
15:15	<i>15 min. coffee break</i>		
15:30	<i>Input for the roadmap.</i>	AUA Acopian Center	<i>Where we go?</i> Common discussion. Bullet points to show the start of the roadmap.
16:00	Summary & thanks	Milav, AUA Acopian Center	Not an end but a beginning
16:30	<i>End</i>		