Draft “Environmental Education for Sustainable Development: Georgian National Strategy and Action Plan 2012-2014” was finally elaborated in 2011 by the Ministry of Environment Protection of Georgia with cooperation of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia. Relevant stakeholders, including NGO representatives, have been included in the process. Currently the document is at the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia for their final comments.

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Information about work/ experiences in adapting the findings of the UNECE Expert Group on Competences to national level

Adapted version of full document is not developed yet. However, Master Classes are held regularly to develop competencies on problem-oriented study and development of critical thinking.

The target group is teachers for basic-secondary schools (7-12 grades).

The main target area is Tbilisi City and adjusted territories, rarely – other distant regions.

Site visits to conduct trainings are planed from March this year. For this reason, additional trainers are hired. These trainings will cover the whole country of Georgia. Training modules and appropriate materials will be identical to the existed ones.

The trainings and Master Classes for public schools’ teachers are provided free of charge.

Master Classes are provided by the invited and local experts as well.

Information about the above mentioned in Georgian language is placed on the web site of National Center for Teacher Professional Development: tpdc.ge.