PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE UNFCCC PROCESS ON THE ROAD TO PARIS

XIX Working Group of the Parties
Aarhus Convention
17-19 June 2015
GEORGIA & UNFCCC

- Ratified UNFCCC in 1994
- Accessed to the Kyoto Protocol in 1999
- Associated with Copenhagen Accord in 2010

Works on

- National Communications - 3 NC since 1997
- Covenant of Mayors - 11 cities, 6 SEAPs - reduce 20% 2020
- EC-LEDS - started in 2013
- Preparation for COP21 - elaboration of INDC, 2014-
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

I - 1997-1999

II - 2005-2009

III - 2011- in three regions of Georgia:

- 2012 - 6 municipalities, prepared by local experts, 3 workshops, 1 donor conference, publications
- 2013 - 8 municipalities, 2 workshops, CDs
- 2013 - 1 municipality, CDs
AWARENESS RAISING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Conferences, workshops, trainings, eco-tours & camps
- Exhibitions, climate weeks
- Lessons & lectures for students
- Preparation/dissemination of different info-materials
- TV programmes, social advertisement, electronic & social media
AWARENESS RAISING FOR PP (cont)

Web-site of MENRP - section on climate change

www.moe.gov.ge

Web-site of EIEC:

✓ Separate window for Climate Change
✓ Thematic boxes include Climate Change info
✓ Green Assistant - ask for seminars, consultations, public discussions, other services
✓ Boxes: Encyclopaedia, Library, Documents, For Business, for Educational Institutions, etc.

www.eiec.gov.ge
PREPARATION FOR COP21

INDC (Intended Nationally Determined Contribution) - developed with involvement of line government institutions and relevant stakeholders

- First Public Hearing - May 22, 2015
- Second Public Hearing - end of June, 2015
- Introduction to Donor Organizations
- Placement on Web-page
- Support PP in COP 21 – inclusion in national delegation

Informing conferences on our preparation
LESSONS LEARNT/RECOMMENDATIONS

- Raise public interest
  - Dissemination of information
  - Provide public interest information
  - Separation of information for different target groups

- Attract the public in environmental activities
  - Non-formal & informal environmental education

- Development of financial mechanism for PPIF

- Development of electronic information tools for PPIF
THANK YOU

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