

South Caucasus Energy Seminar

‘Sustainable Development and Utilization of Renewable Energy Resources
– role of Local Governments, Civil Society and Private sector’

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Declaration of the Conference participants

We, as participants of the conference represented by the NGO’s from Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, define and affirm the following principles of environmental protection and sustainable development of renewable energy resources for our countries.

Energy is the main engine of economic development. It is a fact that in recent decades the populations of South Caucasus countries have had limited access to energy resources, clean energy resources or services.

Development of economy and irrational use of nature resources have negative effect on environment and during last years it became clear that the Earth and our life is under the threat of a danger because of these activities.

Nowadays, we must insist that energy supplies meet modern efficiency criteria and that access to renewable energy is given urgent attention.

South Caucasus countries – Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan are characterized by a huge potential for energy saving and improving energy efficiency. If this potential is to be realized, economic development must be accompanied by an increase in the adoption of renewable energy, avoiding the unsustainable growth and consumption of traditional energy sources.

We call upon our Governments therefore to follow up the responsibilities taken by our governmental structures with the international organizations and international community’s regarding the climate change.

For ensuring appropriate support to sustainable energy development we call upon our governments and parliaments to attach urgent attention to the following priorities:

- To create legislative base and to carry out the policy for implementation of sustainable renewable energy resources and to reduce the use of nuclear energy (phase out of nuclear);
- To ensure access on economically and ecologically sustainable energy resources and services;
- Create financial incentives for developing sustainable efficient energy producing technologies;
- Taking into account gender balance in the process of decision-making;
- Establish public awareness centers to support sustainable energy production and consumption;
- Determine the procedures and the rules of clean development mechanisms (CDM) within the regions.

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