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SUMMARY RECORD

SECOND MEETING OF THE INTER-MINISTERIAL WORKING GROUP ON GREEN GROWTH INDICATORS

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1. The second meeting of the Working Group, that was organised on 20 April 2017, gathered stakeholders to discuss initial findings for each of the selected green growth indicators. Participants included representatives of the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, State Statistical Committee, State Agency on Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources. Mr. Orkhan Kazimov was hired by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD, represented at the meeting by Ms Mikaela Rambali) as part of the EaP GREEN project to prepare the indicators-based report in Azerbaijan (see the full list of participants in Annex 1).

2. The meeting is a follow up of a workshop on “Green Growth Measurement in Azerbaijan” in Azerbaijan was organised on 19 May 2016 that discuss the relevance of establishing a green growth measurement framework in Azerbaijan, as part of the European Union regional project “Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood” (EaP GREEN) and agreed to proceed with the creation of an Inter-Ministerial Working Group on Green Growth Indicators to further define and implement green growth indicators in the country.

3. The mandate of the Inter-Ministerial Working Group on Green Growth Indicators (WGGGI), chaired by the Ministry of Economy, is to identify and develop green growth indicators that can be used to assess progress towards green growth of the Azerbaijan’s economy. It will oversee the preparation of a GGI-based report that will show progress and trends towards greening the economy of Azerbaijan; and disseminate and communicate project results to key stakeholders in Azerbaijan, to ensure the regular revision, update and use of green growth indicators.

4. It is anticipated that the public authorities, the expert community and civil society organisations working on green growth issues and, ultimately, all citizens of Azerbaijan will be the main beneficiaries of the efforts of the Working Group on GGIs.

5. During the first meeting of the WGGGI in December, participants agreed on a list of selected green growth indicators for Azerbaijan in view of preparing a report on green growth in Azerbaijan. Participants discussed available data and identified those indicators for which data flows should be established.

Agenda Item 1. Opening remarks by Mr. Murad Abdullayev (Ministry of Economy) and Ms. Mikaela Rambali (OECD)

6. The participants took note of welcoming remarks by Mr. Murad Abdullayev (Ministry of Economy). He underlined the importance of integrating the green economy concept in strategic policy documents, especially as part of the 2020 Future Vision of Azerbaijan and the recently adopted Economic Reform Road Map that promote economic and energy diversification. Ms. Mikaela recalled the progress that has been achieved since the initial meeting in May and commended Azerbaijan for its effort to assess progress towards green growth.

Agenda Item 2. Green growth indicators in Azerbaijan: initial findings

7. Under this agenda item, Mr Orkhan Khazimov presented the data sources/charts and initial findings for each of the selected indicators. The participants requested clarification on certain indicators and suggested to add two indicators to the list for better assessing progress towards the greening the economy. Some indicators do not have data available for were retained to drive the measurement agenda.

8. The discussion was structured around the four groups of indicators suggested by the OECD:

1. the indicators on environmental and resource productivity of the economy

2. the indicators on the natural asset base
3. the indicators on environmental dimension of quality of life
4. the indicators on the economic opportunities and policy responses

Agenda Items 3. Completion of the GGI report

9. The members of the WGGIs:

- considered how to best integrate green growth measurement in the governmental agenda;
- Agreed to join forces to contribute to a government report on Green Growth Indicators in Azerbaijan that would present the state and trends of greening the economy of Azerbaijan using the approved list of GGIs;
- Agreed that the report would be published under the authority of the Ministry of Economy;

10. The preparation of the report on GGI is being undertaken by Mr. Orkhan Kazimov, a national consultant, in collaboration with local experts and relevant stakeholders/members of the Working Group and helped by an international expert, Mr. Robert Smith. The OECD provided funding for hiring consultants through the EaP GREEN project.

11. It was agreed that the remarks from the discussion at the second WGGI would be integrated into the draft report. The initial findings will be shared electronically with members of the WGGI for their comments. The full draft report will be sent to translation into Azeri before end of July, in view of publication before September 2017.

Agenda Item 4. Conclusions

12. Mr. Murad Abdullayev, Mr. Orkhan Kazimov and Ms. Mikaela Rambali thanked the participants for their active participation in the discussions and expression of support for the GGI project in Azerbaijan.



Annex I
List of Participants

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	Mr. Emrah Garayev
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State Agency on Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources	Mr. Rauf Gurbanov Deputy Head of Department of Economy
Ministry of Agriculture	Mr. Salim Hashimov Mr. Elshad Samadzada
Ministry of Energy	Ms. Nurangiz Farajullayeva
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