



***GREENING THE COAST AND BLUEING THE SEA
FOR A RESILIENT GEORGIA:
AN INITIATIVE TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE AND MARINE POLLUTION
UNDER
THE BLUEING THE BLACK SEA PROGRAM***

Launch of Reports:

***IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON GEORGIA'S COASTAL ZONE:
VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT AND ADAPTATION OPTIONS***

and

***THE COST OF COASTAL ZONE DEGRADATION IN GEORGIA:
A TOOL FOR COASTAL ZONE ADAPTATION AND NATIONALLY DETERMINED
CONTRIBUTIONS***

Consultations on:

BLUEING THE BLACK SEA PROGRAM

in support of

THE COMMON MARITIME AGENDA FOR THE BLACK SEA

Thursday, 25 February 2021, 17:00-19:00 (GMT+4)

Facebook Live/ Zoom

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17.00 – 17.20	WELCOME ADDRESS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Amb. Michael B. CHRISTIDES, Secretary General, Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS), Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) • Mr. Sebastian Molineus, Regional Director for the South Caucasus, World Bank • Mr. Steven Schonberger, Regional Director, Sustainable Development for Europe and Central Asia, World Bank • Ms. Nino Tandilashvili, Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Paola Agostini, Lead Environmental Specialist, World Bank</i></p>
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17.20 – 17.50	SESSION 1. THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE COASTAL ZONE OF GEORGIA AND THE COST OF INACTION
	<p>The plenary session will present two recent reports prepared by the World Bank in collaboration with the Government of Georgia: <i>Impacts of Climate Change on Georgia's Coastal Zone: Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Options</i> and <i>The Cost of Coastal Zone Degradation in Georgia: A Tool for Coastal Zone Adaptation and Nationally Determined Contributions</i>. The recommendations provided in these two reports seek to raise the level of urgency needed to reduce the impact of climate change on the coastal zone and the escalating cost of inaction, and focus on Blue Economy, as a vehicle for accelerating climate change adaptation and mitigation measures and for contributing to Georgia's and the region's socioeconomic development, tourism, and environmental conservation.</p> <p><i>Speaker: Ms. Darejan Kapanadze, Senior Environmental Specialist, World Bank</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Paola Agostini, Lead Natural Resources Specialist, World Bank</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Q & A Session</p>
17.50 – 18.10	SESSION 2: BLUEING THE BLACK SEA PROGRAM (BBSEA): TURNING THE TIDE OF POLLUTION IN THE BLACK SEA (ASA)
	<p>This session will present the concept of the <i>Regional Blueing the Black Sea Programme</i> (BBSEA-GEF) to introduce the World Bank-led effort to establish an up-to-date diagnostic of the state of play and the issues at stake regarding marine pollution in the Black Sea on the example of the efforts of the coastal countries. Through a targeted discussion, the panel will aim to identify the sources, impacts and prevention efforts (information and institutional gaps) related to marine pollution, as well as the key pollution challenges in Georgia. The findings will feed into an in-country pollution diagnostic paper, which, in turn, will inform the BBSEA-GEF architecture.</p>

	<p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr. Owen McIntyre, Director LLM, University College Cork</p> <p>Mr. Nicola Bertolini, Manager, Ambiente SPA</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Iryna Makarenko, Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer, Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Q & A Session</p>
18.10 – 18.45	SESSION 3: BLUEING THE BLACK SEA PROGRAM: BBSEA GEF PROJECT, FOCUS ON GEORGIA
	<p>The working session will present the planned BBSEA-GEF project and will aim to gather feedback on its key components. The discussion will contribute to the understanding of the priorities of public authorities and private stakeholders with respect to the overall project and its parts, and to the promotion of eco-sustainable business practices, innovation, and finance that support pollution reduction. The session will touch upon avenues to involve financial institutions in funding and promoting green technology investments, focusing on pollution reduction.</p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Rositsa Stoeva, Executive Manager, Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS), Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC); BBSEA Project Manager</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Svetoslav Stoyanov, Blue Economy Expert; BBSEA Program Officer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Q & A Session</p>
18.45 – 19.00	WRAP-UP OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS
	<p>Speakers:</p> <p>Ms. Rositsa Stoeva, Executive Manager, BSEC PERMIS; BBSEA Project Manager</p> <p>Ms. Bérengère Prince, Lead Natural Resources Management Specialist, World Bank</p>