



# **Sustainable Development Centre REMISSIA**

**Annual Report  
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## **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION**

Sustainable Development Centre - Remissia aims at supporting the Government of Georgia and other key stakeholders in elaboration of sustainable development strategies and action plans at national and local levels. It also aims at supporting the transfer of knowledge, methodologies and the state-of-the-art technologies for sustainable management of the processes undertaken in the sectors of energy, transport, industry, agriculture, health, infrastructure development, environment protection and natural resources management and so on. Strengthening the national and local capacities is among Remissia's strategic objectives as well.

The main approach of Remissia while performing its mission is to focus its efforts on those sectors, ecosystems and regions that are particularly vulnerable or contribute to the ongoing climate change process.

Supporting inclusiveness and participation in decision-making and implementation processes, human rights protection and integration of gender issues in its activities are core principles of Remissia's.

Sustainable Development Centre - Remissia recognizes the priority of sustainable development principles in economic development of Georgia and conducts its activities in the following areas:

A) Supporting the implementation of activities of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol, Covenant of Mayors, Paris Agreement and other supporting conventions and agreements for sustainable development in the following sectors:

- Conducting inventory of greenhouse gases;
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- Promotion of environmentally-friendly technologies transfer;
- Climate Change vulnerability assessment, preparation and facilitation of implementation of adaptation measures for different economic sectors and ecosystems;
- Monitoring the climate change and its impact in Georgia;
- Any other activities related to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement implementation.

B) Development, fund raising and implementation of sustainable development projects;

C) Supporting the international and regional cooperation in promoting sustainable development and climate change issues;

C) Training of national experts for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol, Paris Agreement and other activities for sustainable development;

D) Increasing awareness of the above-mentioned processes;

E) Providing consultancy to governmental agencies, the private sector and the scientific - research institutions.

The organization is authorized to perform any activity not prohibited by law and related to the implementation of the above objectives.

A brief report of the activities undertaken by Remissia in 2018 is presented below.

## I. DESCRIPTION OF ONGOING AND NEWLY LAUNCHED PROJECTS in 2018

In 2018 Remissia was involved in implementation only one project on energy efficiency.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Support TBC Leasing in energy efficiency technologies and projects</b>
<b>Donor</b>	GGF (Green Growth Fund)
<b>Implementing</b>	Remissia
<b>Dates</b>	2017-2019

### Project Description

The aim of the project is to support TBC Leasing by assigning an energy consultant, who will carry out a certain number of energy assessments (EA) in order to verify and report the primary energy savings and CO2 emission reduction levels of those projects, which are to be financed by the GGF loan facility. Once eligibility of the measure is established, this investment qualifies as GGF non-standard EE measure.

Key achievements in 2018:

Two awareness raising and training workshops have been held for the TBC leasing staff in the 4th quarter of 2017 and in 2018. Information about standard and non-standard energy efficient technologies were presented along with the eSave electronic tool for assessment of energy efficiency and GHGs savings. Continues on-site help desk support was provided to TBCL as a refresher session for the staff to go through GGF eligibility requirements, discuss standard and non-standard measures, their potential portfolio, sSave specifics etc. In addition, consultant conducted a follow-up call and came up with additional ideas to include TBCL specific measures in eSave (hybrid cars and combines, which will be realized soon) and to get registered herself in eSave for further support. Simple Confirmatory Integrated Assessment to support the purchase of hybrid and electric cars by TBC bank was provided.

## II. DESCRIPTION OF OTHER ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED:

**Organizational Development** – in 2018 Remissia continued revision and update of Operational and Financial manuals according to the recommendations from external and internal organizational audits.

In 2018 Remissia was actively involved in ongoing in Georgia sustainable development processes, including the high-level events on green economy organized by the Government of Georgia.

Together with other representatives of civil society organizations Remissia is involved in awareness raising of local governments about Paris Agreement and country's commitments (declared in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC)). Presentations provided were focused on benefits anticipated as a result of activities planned NDC, what is the role and responsibilities of different stakeholders.