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## Climate Change Policy in Georgia

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In order to implement Georgia's national commitments for the implementation of the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, an international environmental treaty adopted on 9 May 1992 and entered into force on 21 March 1994, **multi-stakeholder collaboration is essential**. Adding further pressure to addressing this issue is Georgia's accession to an EU Association Agreement in June 2014, which entered into force on July 2016, defining national targets to fight climate change.

In 1992, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH started working on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in Georgia<sup>1</sup> focusing on three areas. One of those areas is the improvement of "processes, methodologies and instruments for long-term decarbonization planning and the integration into national targets to fight climate change while also considering economic transformation targets and enhance the capacities of public decision-makers and institutions for the application of necessary integrated and inter-institutional planning processes."

In this context, the Collective Leadership Institute (CLI) was asked by GIZ to facilitate a [tailored three-day stakeholder engagement workshop](#) in September 2018 in Borjomi, in close collaboration with the Climate Change Unit (CCU) in Georgia and the New Climate Institute (NCI) in Germany.

23 people from the national and provincial levels participated and exchanged information and experience to jointly understand current challenges and opportunities for climate change action in Georgia. The core methodology was based on CLI's [Dialogic Change Model](#) © (DCM), which has been applied for more than 20 years in diverse sustainable development initiatives around the world. During this tailored stakeholder engagement workshop, participants came to understand the Stakeholder Dialogue and Collaboration approach as a vehicle for climate action strategies and the development of a Climate Action Plan (CAP) for the country. All 23 people with GIZ, CCU, and NCI started to jointly define priorities and inter-sectoral and inter-disciplinary engagement structures for the development of a CAP roadmap for the next six months.

In order to meet the objectives of prospective "long-term decarbonization planning and the integration into national targets to fight climate change" the Climate Change Unit will begin to implement the workshop results and progress towards the CAP goals with all partners.



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/359.html>