

Armenia: Country Profile

Population ~ 3,019,000
Altitude – 650 to 4095 m

Land-locked
Mountainous

Agriculture:

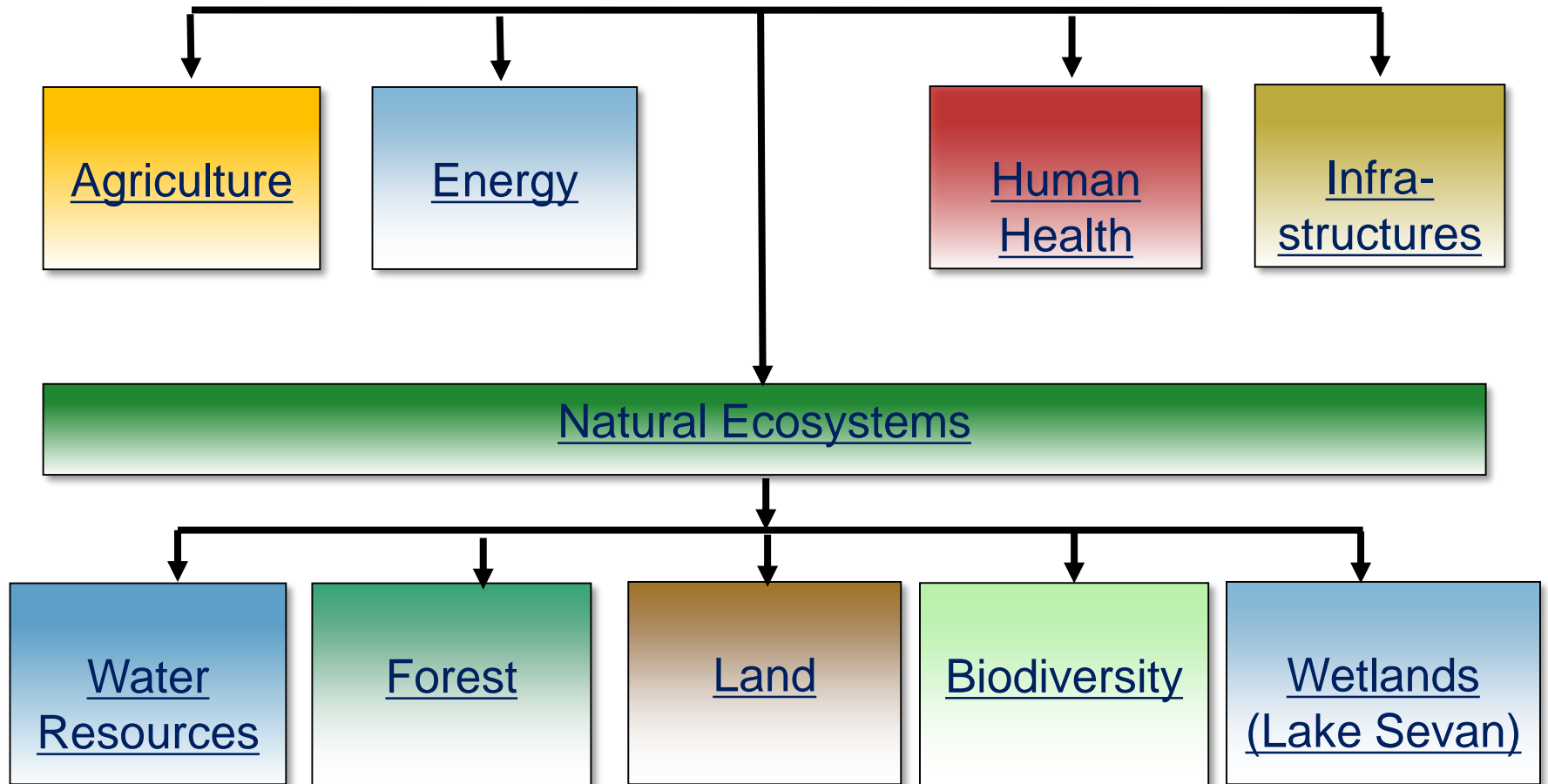
- 46% of work force is employed in agriculture
- Agriculture contributes 21% to the country's GDP



Legal and Institutional Bases for Implementation of the UNFCCC in Armenia

- Armenia as a party to the Convention since 1993 and Kyoto Protocol from 2002; has also ratified the Paris Agreement in February of 2017,
- Inter-agency Coordinating Council on implementation of requirements and provisions of UNFCCC, has been established by the order of Prime Minister in 2012, where the Minister of the Nature Protection is the chairperson of the Council,
- Armenia's position under Paris Agreement is summarized in Intended Nationally Determined Contributions of Armenia
 - The absolute quantitative targets are set and key mitigation sectors identified;
 - Ecosystem based adaptation prioritized,
- The 5-year Action Plan for Implementation of UNFCCC is adopted by Gov. Decree N 49, Dec. 2016
 - The timelines for adoption of NDC and National Adaptation Plan are set for 2018.

Armenia's Vulnerability to Climate Change



Source: Armenia-Second National Communication, 2010

Armenia and GCF



The National Designated Authority for GCF in Armenia is the Ministry of Nature Protection

The Letter of No-Objection was issued in 2015 for “**De-Risking and Scaling-up Investment in Energy Efficient Building Retrofit**” project, with **UNDP** being the Accredited Entity

Funded by GCF in 24 June 2016 for 20 mln USD

Other Letters of No-Objection

One for UNDP – Adaptation Plan \$3 mln

Two for EBRD – Green Cities Programme and assistance for financial institutes

GCF Readiness Programme

“Environmental project implementation unit” which is a State Agency part of Ministry of Nature Protection has submitted application in 2016 requesting funds under Readiness Programme

Implementation of obligations under Paris Agreement

- Realign the climate change related actions in the development strategic documents and Sustainable Development Goals to the requirements of the Convention
- Ensure appropriate stakeholder consultations, including the private sector, to get general consent and appropriate level of information access;
- Promote climate change considerations in the financial and development decisions;

Armenia Becomes First Eastern European Country to Achieve Direct Access Under the Adaptation Fund

- The [Environmental Project Implementation Unit \(EPIU\)](#) in Armenia's Ministry of Nature Protection was accredited by the Adaptation Fund Board on 4 November 2016 as the Fund's 25th NIE across the globe.
- Based on the past success, the [EPIU](#) is in the process of applying for accreditation with GCF.

GCF Related Actions

A meeting of the Climate Change Council was organized in 2016 to discuss the content of the proposal for “Adaptation Actions and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)”

- The 5-year plan of Armenia on implementation of UNFCCC expects the approval of NAP by 2018;
- Address the current barriers to the national investment in in the field of climate change adaptation as well as establishing a clear climate change priority investment framework for identification and preparation of funding proposals to be presented to the Fund.



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