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REGIONAL RESILIENCE FORUM events took place in the Tavush region (Dilijan, Armenia) and Adjara autonomous republic (Batumi, Georgia) bringing together in each country nearly 70 policy makers, civil society organisations, media, academia, private sector and key stakeholders to discuss the current issues on climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, livelihoods, environmental protection and other related disciplines in order to facilitate the exchange of the know-how and the best practices in Adjara and Tavush, seek for synergies and opportunities of collaboration to strengthen the resilience and safety of communities, authorities, environment and businesses.

The one day events highlighted the challenges and the best practices in policy development, implementation and monitoring strengthening the commitment of civil society and local governments to support community resilience. The discussions proved the linkages with the key country and regional strategies, including the Adjara Climate Change Strategy and the Tavush Region Development Programme, national policies and global frameworks: the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

These are the first pioneering forum events in Armenia and Georgia that concentrate on multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder approaches to resilience and are planned as a cycle of events to be continued in 2017 to further unite in finding synergies among work that has been done in the region and to explore new opportunities for strengthening the rural and urban resilience.



Both Forum events are organized within the framework of DG European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations funded Oxfam's "Supporting Community Resilience in the South Caucasus" regional programme implemented in Armenia and Georgia. It is implemented with local partners in Georgia ("Bridge – Innovation and Development" "Black Sea Eco Academy") and in Armenia ("Oxygen" –and "Bridge of Hope") aims at protecting people and their livelihoods from impacts of natural disasters and climate change. Oxfam and partner organizations work in 43 communities of Adjara, Mtskheta-Mtianeti and Kakheti (Georgia) and Tavush (Armenia) to invest in and prepare for local communities and governments on how to act before, during and after natural disasters with a focus on involvement of diverse groups and individuals: men and women, children, youth and elder, governments, community lobbyists and initiatives groups, volunteers, as well as people with disabilities.



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