



Scenario Backcasting Exercises for Water Policy Development in the Republic of Georgia

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Water policy development must provide the long-term potential to manage water resources under increasing uncertainty in the coming decades. Uncertainty can emerge from variability in climate, global markets, or evolving technologies. Decision-makers can develop policies that are robust to uncertainty as well as processes flexible enough to reform policies to adapt to changing conditions. The capacity to foresee and integrate different rates of development of policy, technology and infrastructure increases long-term management potential. This presentation outlines a combined foresight/backcasting exercise for the development of water policy over the next 50 years in a transitional economy that currently prioritizes privatization of water services: the Republic of Georgia.