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*Exploring the Impact of Diasporic Assistance on Armenia's
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Since Armenia regained independence in 1991, non-profit diaspora organizations have significantly contributed to the local level development of various institutions and practices that have assisted Armenia's transition from communism. However, what has been the impact of these interactions? How are diaspora organizations and individuals involved in promoting Armenia's sustainable development? How have diaspora-homeland relations evolved over the years since Armenia declared independence? This talk will address these questions and examine the impact of non-profit diaspora organizations on Armenia's transition. It will also provide policy recommendations and suggestions.

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