



Project on strengthening industrial safety in Central Asia through the implementation of and accession to the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

Subregional Workshop

Almaty, 25-26 September 2018

Main Objectives:

- Allow countries of Central Asia to exchange their experiences and progress made on the implementation of the Convention and the preparation of national self-assessments and action plans
- Determine remaining priorities and challenges and ways of addressing them
- Showcase project results to international donors and partners and explore synergies and ways of future cooperation
- Provide platform for subregional exchange, initial transboundary consultations and decisions on future hazardous activities notification
- Present and gather feedback on the Implementation Guide for the Convention for Central Asian countries

Venue: Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction, Amangeldy 72, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Language: Russian (with simultaneous interpretation into English)

Participants:

- Delegates from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE): Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa (UNECE Environment Division Regional Advisor), Ms. Franziska Hirsch (Secretary to the Industrial Accidents Convention), Ms. Yelyzaveta Rubach (Project Manager)
- Centre for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (CESDRR): Mr. Zhyrgalbek Ukashev and Mr. Meymanbek Chekirbayev
- Project's international experts: Ms. Elena Klovach (Russian Federation), Mr. Evgeny Baranovsky (Belarus)
- Convention's Bureau and WGI Members: Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the Industrial Accidents Convention and Ms. Anna Tsarina, WGI member, Russian Federation,
- Representatives of international organizations [only the international segment]:
 - CAREC: The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia
 - CIS ICIS: Interstate Council on Industrial Safety of the Commonwealth of Independent States
 - OSCE: Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
 - SDC: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
 - Water Initiatives Centre

Agenda

25 September 2018 – international segment open for all interested parties

10:00 – 10:30 **Arrival and registration of participants**

10:30 – 11:00 **Opening of the meeting and welcome statements**

Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa on behalf of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Ms. Elena Klovach on behalf of the Federal Environmental, Industrial and Nuclear Supervision Service of the Russian Federation

Mr. Zhyrgalbek Ukashev on behalf of the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction

Mr. Rati Japaridze on behalf of OSCE

Session I: Main outcomes of the Project implementation in the beneficiary countries

Chaired by Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE Environment Division Regional Advisor

11:00 – 11:20 **Project approach, activities implemented and accomplishments**

Ms. Franziska Hirsch, Secretary to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention, and Ms. Yelyzaveta Rubach, Environmental Affairs Officer, Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat, UNECE

11:20 – 11:40 **Main conclusions drawn from the National Expert Group Meetings and submitted self-assessments and action plans**

International experts (Ms. Elena Klovach and/or Mr. Evgeny Baranovsky) and WGI member (Ms. Anna Tsarina)

11:40 – 12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00 – 13:00 **Roundtable discussion on the level of implementation, progress made and priority needs in beneficiary countries**

Moderator: Chair of the session

Panellists: National experts from Kazakhstan (Mr. Serik Akhmetov), Kyrgyzstan (Ms. Gulfiya Shabayeva), Tajikistan (Ms. Sharifa Khudobakhshova), Turkmenistan (Mr. Mergen Kepbanov) and Uzbekistan (Mr. Abdullo Nurmatov)

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch**

Session II: International cooperation in Central Asia on matters related to industrial safety

Chaired by Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention

- 14:30 – 14:45** **Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents and activities on the safety of tailings management facilities in Kazakhstan and beyond in Central Asia**
Mr. Serik Akhmetov, Kazakhstan
- 14:45 – 15:00** **OSCE: promotion of disaster risk reduction in Central Asia**
Mr. Ralf Ernst, Deputy Coordinator, Head, Environmental Activities, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities – by Skype
- 15:00 – 15:15** **CESDRR as a platform for subregional dialogue in Central Asia**
Mr. Meymanbek Chekirbayev, Head of DRR Department, CESDRR
- 15:15 – 15:30** **Interstate Council on Industrial Safety of the Commonwealth of Independent States: forum for multilateral cooperation for enhanced industrial safety**
Mr. Vladimir Hovsepyan, Secretary of CIS ICIS
- 15:30 – 16:00** **Coffee break**
- 16:00 – 17:00** **Roundtable discussion on needs, opportunities and ways forward for Central Asian countries**
Moderated by the Chair of the Session
Panellists: representatives of UNECE, OSCE, CESDRR, CIS ICIS, SDC regional office Almaty, CAREC, Water Initiatives Centre
- 17:00 – 17:30** **Wrap up and conclusions**
Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention
- 18:00** **Welcome Dinner**

Session III: Transboundary Cooperation in Central Asia

Chaired by Ms. Franziska Hirsch, Secretary to the Industrial Accidents Convention

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| 10:00 – 10:15 | Identification and notification of hazardous activities from the Convention perspective
<i>Ms. Yelyzaveta Rubach, Environmental Affairs Officer, Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat, UNECE</i> |
| 10:15 – 10:35 | Identification and notification of hazardous activities – practical implementation and good practices on the example of Slovenia
<i>Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the Industrial Accidents Convention</i> |
| 10:35 – 11:00 | Transboundary consultations - practical implementation and good practices on the example of Hungary
<i>Mr. Lajos Kátai- Urbán, Head of Department of Industrial Safety, National University of Public Service, Institute of Disaster Management, Hungary – by Skype</i> |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | Coffee break |
| 11:20 – 11:40 | Template for the notification of hazardous activities
<i>Ms. Anna Tsarina, WGI member</i> |
| 11:40 – 12:00 | Q&A and discussion on future exchange of notifications and possible consultations between Central Asian countries
<i>Moderated by the Chair of the Session</i> |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Presentation of the Implementation Guide on the Industrial Accidents Convention for Central Asian countries with brainstorming session on inclusion of information on progress made and good practices of implementation from Central Asian countries
<i>Ms. Elena Klovach, Russian Federation and Mr. Evgeny Baranovsky, Belarus</i>
<i>Brainstorming session moderated by Ms. Franziska Hirsch, Secretary to the Industrial Accidents Convention</i> |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 – 15:30 | Bilateral consultations between counties
<i>(to be continued over coffee break)</i> |

15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 16:30	Reporting back from the bilateral consultations and proposed next steps for the enhancement of transboundary cooperation in Central Asia <i>Moderated by the Chair of the Session</i>
16:30 – 17:00	Project conclusions and their presentation at the Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties <i>Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</i>
17:00 – 17:30	Future needs, project proposals and opportunities for continued collaboration <i>Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE Environment Division Regional Advisor</i>
17:30 – 18:00	Evaluations, wrap up and closure of the workshop