

Objectives of the workshop and expected results

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Objectives of the workshop

- Strengthen tailings management facilities (TMF) safety in Central Asia
- Foster awareness of persisting disaster risks and ways to address them
- Share information, experiences and best practices on mine tailings safety in Central Asia and UNECE guidelines and tools
- Provide a forum for national authorities in Central Asia to improve institutional coordination and cooperation on mining/TMF safety: among themselves, with operators and relevant stakeholders, and across borders
- Present final and interim results of tailings projects in Kazakhstan (2018-2019) and Tajikistan (2019-2020)
- Foster implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention and the Water Convention
- Improve awareness of linkages with the 2030 Agenda, its SDGs, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030



Day 1: Tools, experiences and lessons learned

OPENING

Morning Session

SESSION 1 – Setting the scene: International developments in the area of mine tailings safety and their impact on Central Asia

Afternoon Sessions

SESSION 2 – UNECE guidance and methodologies for improving tailings safety within and beyond the UNECE region: experiences and lessons learned from their application in Central Asia

SESSION 3 – International Efforts on improving mine tailings safety in Central Asia and beyond



Day 2: UNECE Projects to strengthen mine tailings safety in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and beyond: results, needs and challenges in Central Asia

Morning Sessions

SESSION 4 – Results from the projects to strengthen mine tailings safety of mining operations, in particular TMFs, in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and beyond in Central Asia

SESSION 5 Part I – Tailings needs and challenges in Central Asia: experiences from authorities and operators, and how to scale up joint efforts in view of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Afternoon Session

SESSION 5 Part II – Tailings needs and challenges in Central Asia: experiences from authorities and operators, and how to scale up joint efforts in view of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Expected Results

- Improved transboundary cooperation
- Enhanced knowledge about TMFs in Central Asia, including those with transboundary effects
- Increased knowledge about UNECE guidance and methodology on TMF safety, as well as other tools
- Enhanced partnerships
- Awareness of remaining needs in Central Asia





Group picture after Session 1 at 12:30



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