Technical meeting to prepare for the on-site training in Tajikistan and to enhance capacity for governance and policy-making on tailings safety in Central Asia, 23 April 2021



The bigger picture: Strengthening governance and policy-making for mine tailings safety and disaster risk reduction

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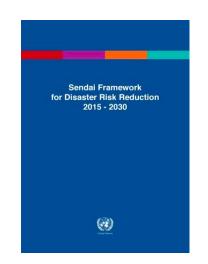


# UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention, the Sendai Framework for DRR and the SDGs



## Overall vision of the Industrial Accidents Convention until 2030:

"Significantly increase industrial safety and reduce the risk of technological disasters by ensuring its full implementation, its wide recognition as a legal instrument for risk reduction under the Sendai Framework and its contribution to achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals"







## Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction & Priorities for Action

#### **Industrial Accidents Convention**

#### 1. Understanding disaster risk

Encouraging Parties to identify potentially hazardous activities to be able to target preventive measures, preparedness and response.

#### 2. Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk

Providing a governance mechanism for regional cooperation to address transboundary disaster risk reduction.

#### 3. Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience

Promoting investments in preventive measures, which cost less than remedying the consequences of disasters.

4. Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to "Build Back Better" in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction Ensuring preparation, review and periodical update of disaster preparedness and contingency policies, plans and programmes.



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"Initially developed for the European region ..., the approaches and experience [under the Industial Accidents Convention] offer insights to countries pursuing Sendai Framework commitments in technological disaster risk management"



## Sendai Framework





## Industrial Accidents Convention

#### **Expected outcome:**

• Substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries.

#### Goal:

Prevent new and reduce existing disaster risk
through the implementation of integrated
and inclusive economic, structural, legal,
....educational, environmental,
technological, political and institutional
measures that prevent and reduce hazard
exposure and vulnerability to disaster, increase
preparedness for response and recovery,
and thus strengthen resilience.

#### **Overall vision:**

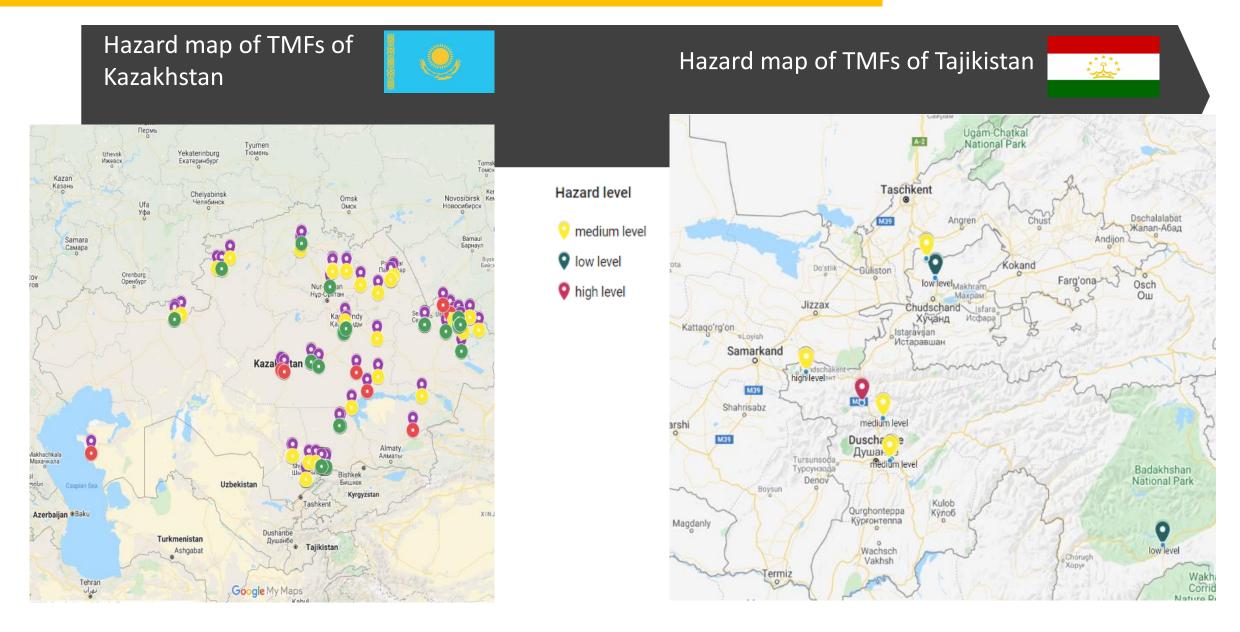
 Significantly increase industrial safety and reduce the risk of technological disasters by ensuring its full implementation

#### Goal:

- Safely manage hazardous activities installations holding chemical substances, such as TMFs
- Reduce technological disaster risk, incl. such risks exacerbated by climate change (NaTech events), urbanization, etc.
- Mitigate exposure of people, the environment, infrastructure; reduce vulnerabilities
- Strengthen resilience

### Understanding Disaster Risk - Mapping TMF

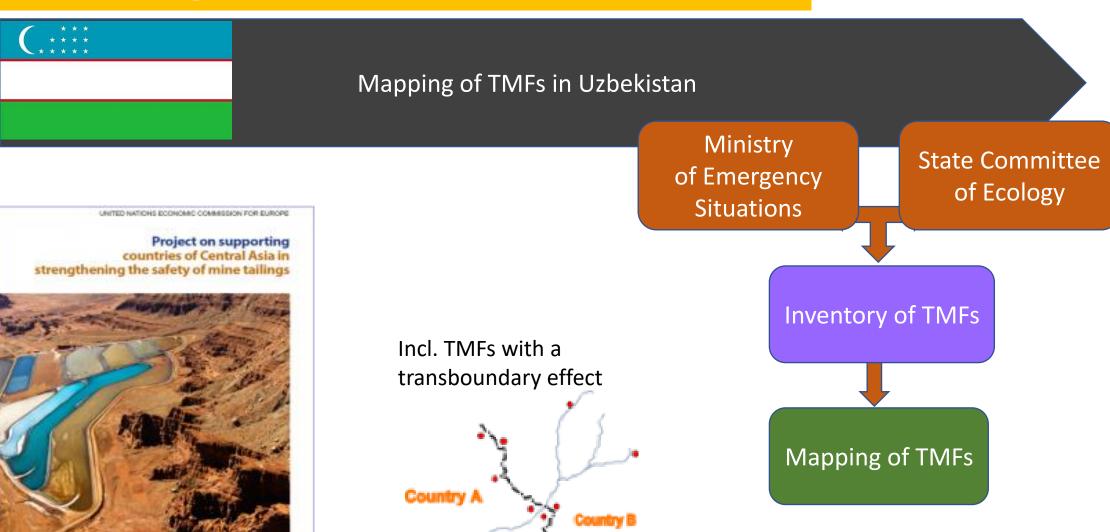




### Understanding Disaster Risk -

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## Strenghtening disaster risk governance

**Understanding** disaster risk is a prerequisite for disaster risk governance

Working across institutions and actors for intersectoral cooperation

Service Tailings Safety

Tajikistan IIWG

Ministry of

Energy and

Water

Resources

Ecology Committee

State Oversight

Committee of **Emergency Situations** and Civil Defence

Kazakhstan IIWG

Minister of Energy

**MES** 

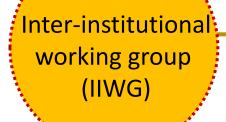
Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources

> Safe water & sanitation

**Preventing** Accidental Water pollution









Greater industrial safety



or Disaster Risk Reduction

Framework

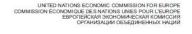
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DRR

## Strenghtening disaster risk governance

- Multi-hazard DRR strategies that address all risks, including technological (industrial/chemical), natural, environmental, biological and other hazards
- Involve relevant national authorities, including those in charge of DRR, emergency coordination, internal affairs, state inspections, environmental protection, etc.
- Make reference, in national DRR strategies to existing legal agreements and commitments to implement them, incl. Industrial Accidents Convention, National SAs and Aps, EPRs, ....

National and local disaster risk reduction strategies (Target E)



## National Self-assessments and Action Plans













## Thank you for your attention

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