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## 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

– Implemented under the *UNECE Project to strengthen the safety of mining operations, in particular tailings management facilities (TMFs), in Tajikistan and Central Asia* and the *UNECE Project on supporting countries of Central Asia in strengthening the safety of mine tailings* –

**Online via ZOOM  
23 April 2021 (10 am-14:45pm CET)**

### Objectives of the event:

- Supporting Central Asian countries in strengthening tailings safety through the implementation of the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes
- Enhancing capacity for governance and policy-making on tailings safety in Central Asia using UNECE's instruments and tools

### Specifically, the objectives of the meeting are to:

- Prepare the Tajik participants for the on-site training, notably for applying the UNECE Safety Guidelines and Good Practices for Tailings Managements Facilities (TMFs) and a related TMF methodology
- Support Central Asian countries in their implementation of related recommendations arising from the UNECE Environmental Performance Reviews (EPRs), incl. the update of their national self-assessments and action plans
- Review the progress made in the implementation of the UNECE project on supporting countries of Central Asia in strengthening the safety of mine tailings, notably the establishment of Inter-Institutional Working Groups on Tailings Safety and the Prevention of Accidental Water Pollution in Kazakhstan and Tajikistan
- Identify next steps for the implementation of the UNECE project on supporting countries of Central Asia in strengthening the safety of mine tailings.

### Working language:

English and Russian interpretation via the online platform

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## AGENDA

**09:30-10:00** Please connect to the online meeting platform 30 minutes ahead of the meeting start time to test your audio/video connection.

**SESSION 1: Opening and setting the scene**

*Moderator: Mr. Ardasher Mirzozoda, Deputy Chairman of State Supervision of Safe Work in Industry and Mining Supervision Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan*

10:00 – 10:10 Opening and welcoming statements

- *Mr. Ardasher Mirzozoda, Deputy Chairman of State Supervision of Safe Work in Industry and Mining Supervision Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan*
- *Mr. Farkhat Seifulov, Head of the Department for State Supervision of Nuclear Facilities of the Industrial Safety Committee, Ministry for Emergency Situations of Kazakhstan*
- *Ms. Martine Rohn-Bossard, Deputy Head of International Affairs Division, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment*
- *Ms. Franziska Hirsch, Secretary, UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents*

10:10 – 10:20 Preventing accidental water pollution from tailings: Joint Expert Group and UNECE decision 2020/1 on strengthening mine tailings safety  
*Mr. Bojan Srdic, co-Chair from Serbia of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents*

10:20 – 10:30 UNECE Projects on improving mine tailings safety in Central Asia, and introduction to the meeting objectives  
*Ms. Claudia Kamke, Project Manager, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention*

10:30 – 10:35 Animated video and online toolkit and training on mine tailings safety  
*Mr. Joseph Orangias, consultant, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention*

10:35 – 10:50 Application of the UNECE Safety Guidelines and the UBA TMF methodology in the Danube River Basin  
*Mr. Adam Kovacs, Technical Expert, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)*

10:50 – 11:00 Q & A and wrap up by the Moderator

11:00 – 11:10 Break





**SESSION 2: Preparation for the on-site training in Zarafshon, Tajikistan**

*Moderator: Mr. Farkhat Seifulov, Head of the Department for State Supervision of Nuclear Facilities of the Industrial Safety Committee, Ministry for Emergency Situations of Kazakhstan*

11:10 – 11:25 On-site training: past experience in Kazakhstan and adjustments in view of current global situation with the coronavirus pandemic

- *Mr. Farkhat Seifulov, Head of the Department for State Supervision of Nuclear Facilities of the Industrial Safety Committee, Ministry for Emergency Situations of Kazakhstan*
- *Ms. Claudia Kamke, Project Manager, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention*

11:25 – 11:45 UNECE Safety Guidelines and Good Practices for Tailings Management Facilities (TMFs). Introduction to the checklist for on-site training, evaluation of results and measure catalogue

*Mr. Dmitry Rudakov, Consultant to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention*

11:45 – 11:55 Inventory of tailings management facilities in Tajikistan and selection of the on-site training site Zarafshon

*Mr. Madzhnun Jumazoda, Focal Point under the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention, Service for State Supervision of Safe Work in Industry and Mining under the Government of Tajikistan*

11:55 – 12:10 Presentation of the TMF facility Zarafshon

*Operator Mr. Bobokhon Bobokhonov, Technical Advisor to the General Director of the LLC Zarafshon Joint Venture*

12:10 – 12:25 Conduct of the on-site training: groups, practical information and next steps in advance of the evaluation workshop

- *Mr. Madzhnun Jumazoda, Focal Point under the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention, Service for State Supervision of Safe Work in Industry and Mining under the Government of Tajikistan*
- *Mr. Dmitry Rudakov, Consultant to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention, and Mr. Dmitry Pikarenia, expert in TMF safety, Ukraine*

12:25 – 12:35 Q&A and wrap-up by the Moderator

12:35 – 13:00 Break



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- SESSION 3: Enhancing capacity for governance and policy-making on tailings safety in Central Asia using UNECE's instruments and tools**  
*Moderator: Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragcha, Regional Advisor for the Environment, UNECE*
- 13:00 – 13:10 The bigger picture: Strengthening governance and policy-making for mine tailings safety and disaster risk reduction  
*Ms. Franziska Hirsch, Secretary, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention*
- 13:10 – 13:15 Statement from *Mr. Abdurahim Muhidov, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (tb)*
- 13:15 – 13:30 UNECE EPR recommendations on tailings safety for Central Asia and integration of tailings risks into national self-assessment and action plans  
*Mr. Joseph Orangias, consultant, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention*
- 13:30 – 13:45 Q&A and Statements by Central Asian countries
- 13:45 – 14:05 Inter-institutional Working Groups on Tailings Safety and the Prevention of Accidental Water Pollution in Kazakhstan and Tajikistan – Background, benefits and draft terms of reference  
*Mr. Talibek Makeev, expert, Water Initiatives Centre*
- 14:05 – 14:15 Progress made and next steps to take for the establishment of the Interinstitutional Working Group in Kazakhstan  
*Mr. Farkhat Seifulov, Head of the Department for State Supervision of Nuclear Facilities of the Industrial Safety Committee, Ministry for Emergency Situations of Kazakhstan*
- 14:15 – 14:25 Progress made and next steps to take for the establishment of the Interinstitutional Working Group in Tajikistan  
*Mr. Madzhnun Jumazoda, Focal Point under the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention, Service for State Supervision of Safe Work in Industry and Mining under the Government of Tajikistan*
- 14:25 – 14:45 Q&A and wrap-up by the Moderator

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