

On-site training and evaluation workshop on strengthening the safety and governance of mine tailings 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 –*

Hybrid meeting (in person and partly online via ZOOM) Penjikent, Tajikistan (2-4 June 2021)

Objectives of the event:

- Support the Tajik authorities and operators in applying the UNECE Safety Guidelines and Good Practices for Tailings Management Facilities (TMFs) and a related TMF methodology
- Enhance the capacity of participants to reduce water-related risks from TMFs, notably by supporting them in applying the TMF checklist methodology during an on-site training
- Support Central Asian countries in the implementation of the recommendations arising from the UNECE Environmental Performance Reviews (EPRs)
- Exchange information and discuss the next steps on the Central Asian countries' updated national self-assessments and action plans that they had recently prepared under the Industrial Accidents Convention's Strategic Approach
- Strengthen 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
- Review the progress made in the establishment of Inter-Institutional Working Groups on Tailings Safety and the Prevention of Accidental Water Pollution in Kazakhstan and Tajikistan
- Provide a forum for discussion for national authorities to improve their institutional coordination on TMF safety – among themselves, with operators and across borders.

Working language:

Online: Russian and English interpretation via the online platform (as indicated)

In-person: Russian

Venue:

UMARIEN Hotel, 157 Rudaki Avenue, Penjikent, Tajikistan

AGENDA – Day 1 (2 June 2021)

The times below refer to local time in Tajikistan (GMT+5). For Day 1, no interpretation is available during the introductory meeting which will be held in Russian only.

8:00	Travel of participants from Dushanbe to Penjikent in small buses, following the rules by the Tajik government during the pandemic (Place of dispatch – General Department of Geology, 27 M. Tursunzade Str., Dushanbe)
14:00	Arrival of the participants in the hotel, check-in, lunch
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea break
16:00 – 17:30	Briefing for all participants on the conduct of the on-site training and completion of the checklist (online, without interpretation) <i>Mr. Dmitry Rudakov, consultant of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention, and Mr. Dmitry Pikarenia, expert on tailings safety</i>
17:30 – 18:30	Self-study of the background note and checklist questions in advance of the training (online, without interpretation)
19:00	Informal dinner for the participants in the hotel

AGENDA – Day 2 (3 June 2021)

The times below refer to local time in Tajikistan (GMT+5). For Day 2, English-Russian simultaneous interpretation is available as of 15:00 – when the evaluation workshop starts and online participation via ZOOM will be possible.

6:30 – 7:15	Breakfast in the hotel
7:30	Transfer to the TMF site Zarafshan
8:00 – 12:00	On-site training at Zarafshan and application of the checklist in groups
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 – 14:30	Informal work and discussions in the different groups, supported by <i>Mr. Dmitry Rudakov, consultant of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention, and Mr. Dmitry Pikarenia, expert on tailings safety</i> (online, without interpretation)

14:30 – 15:00	Coffee/Tea break
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SESSION 1 – Opening of the evaluation workshop and setting the scene (15:00–15:20)

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*

- 15:00 – 15:10** 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
Ms. Laura Platchkov, Senior Policy Advisor International Economic Policies, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment
Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragcha, Regional Advisor for the Environment, UNECE
- 15:10 – 15:20** UNECE’s work on improving mine tailings safety in Central Asia, and introduction to the meeting objectives
Ms. Claudia Kamke, Project Manager, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention

SESSION 2 – Evaluation of the checklist application during the on-site training at Zarafshan in Penjikent, Tajikistan (15:20 – 16:15)

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

- 15:20 – 15:35** Joint presentation by Group 1 & 2 on the findings and recommendations resulting from the checklist application during the on-site training
Mr. Attor Kosumbekov, Leading Specialist, Inspection for Supervision of the Turnover of Explosive Materials, State Oversight Service for the Safe Operation of Industry and Mining Supervision under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan
- 15:35 – 15:45** Presentation of a video on the implementation of the on-site training
- 15:45 – 16:15** Q&A and wrap-up by the moderator

SESSION 3 – Enhancing capacity for governance and policy-making on tailings safety in Central Asia (16:15 – 18:00)

Moderator: Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, *Regional Advisor for the Environment, UNECE*

- 16:15 – 16:30** Action plans for Central Asian countries to implement the UNECE EPR recommendations on tailings safety
Mr. Joseph Orangias, consultant, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention
- 16:30 – 16:50** Statements by Central Asian countries
- 16:50 – 17:00** Using the Strategic Approach with its self-assessments and action plans to improve industrial safety and inspire National Policy Dialogues on Industrial Safety in Serbia
Ms. Suzana Milutinovic, Bureau Member of the Industrial Accidents Convention, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia
- 17:00 – 17:10** Draft updated self-assessment and action plan by Kazakhstan to integrate tailings/Natech risks and update on the progress made with establishing the inter-institutional working group on tailings safety and the prevention of accidental water pollution
Mr. Farkhat Seifulov, Head of the Department for State Supervision of Nuclear Facilities of the Industrial Safety Committee, Ministry for Emergency Situations of Kazakhstan
- 17:10 – 17:20** Draft updated self-assessment and action plan by Tajikistan to integrate tailings/Natech risks and update on the progress made with establishing the inter-institutional working group on tailings safety and the prevention of accidental water pollution
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
- 17:20 – 17:30** Draft updated self-assessment and action plan by Uzbekistan to integrate tailings/Natech risks and update on the preparation of an inventory of tailings facilities in Uzbekistan
Mr. Bobur Makhmudov, Chief Specialist of the International Cooperation and Projects Department, State Committee for Ecology and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan

17:30 – 18:00	Q&A and wrap-up of the session and event by the moderator
18:15	Transfer of the participants to the hotel
19:30	Informal dinner for the participants in the hotel

AGENDA – Day 3 (4 June 2021)

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8:00	Travel of participants from Penjikent to Dushanbe in small buses, following the rules by the Tajik government during the pandemic ~12:00 – Lunch for participants on the way
14:00	Arrival of the participants in Dushanbe