

Second meeting of the Working Group on Tailings Safety and Prevention of Accidental Water Pollution in Tajikistan

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The Rumi Hotel, 10 Mirzo Tursunzoda St., Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Agenda

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

Session 1: Opening	
9:30-9:50	Welcome speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Rachim Sanjat Asso, Chairman, State Supervision of Safe Work in Industry and Mining Supervision Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan- Ms Sharifa Khudobakhsh, Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan- Ms Sarangoo Radnaaragcha, Regional Advisor on Environment, UNECE
9:50-10:00	Introduction to the meeting and adoption of the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Ardasher Mirzozoda, First Deputy Chairman of the Service of the State Supervision of Safe Work in Industry and Mining Supervision under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan
10:00-10:15	Benefits of accession and main requirements of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Claudia Kamke, Environmental Affairs Officer, Industrial Accidents Convention, UNECE <p><u>Background information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Text of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention in Tajik
Session 2: Progress made, current issues and necessary measures taken in the field of tailings safety and prevention of accidental water pollution	
10:15-10:30	Formal establishment, objectives and members of the Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Ardasher Mirzozoda, First Deputy Chairman of the Service of the State Supervision of Safe Work in Industry and Mining Supervision under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan
10:30-10:45	Strategy for Development of Cooperation of Countries of Central Asia in Disaster Risk Reduction for 2022 -2030, with a focus on Tajikistan <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Elvira Torebekova, Head of Department of the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (CESDRR)(online)
10:45-11:05	Coffee break
11:05-11:45	Statements on recent developments, needs/challenges in the area of tailings safety and prevention of accidental water pollution (5 min per statement) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- State Supervision of Safe Work in Industry and Mining Supervision Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan- Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan- Ministry of Industry of New Technologies of the Republic of Tajikistan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan</i> - <i>Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan</i> - <i>Representative of an operator</i>
11:45-12:00	<p>Wrap-up and identification of key actions to be included into the Work Plan for 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr Ardasher Mirzozoda, First Deputy Chairman of the Service of the State Supervision of Safe Work in Industry and Mining Supervision under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan</i>
12:00-14:00	Lunch break
Session 3. Recommendations from UNECE regional projects addressing key challenges (Natech, disaster risks, prevention of accidental water pollution)	
14:00-14:20	<p>UNECE's projects on strengthening tailings safety and the prevention of accidental water pollution in Central Asia and beyond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ms. Ksenia Nechunaeva, Environmental Affairs Consultant, Industrial Accidents Convention, UNECE (online)</i> <p><i>Q&A</i></p>
14:20-14:40	<p>Development of Joint Measures to Prevent and Respond to Pollution of the Syr Darya River in Emergency Situations (Phase I): Recommendations, TMFs inventory and mapping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr Firdavs Sharipov, Focal Point to the Industrial Accidents Convention, Service of the State Supervision of Safe Work in Industry and Mining Supervision under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan</i> - <i>Mr Dmitriy Rudakov, UNECE Consultant (online)</i> <p><i>Q&A</i></p> <p><u>Background information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Advanced final draft of the study on pollution sources and identification of accident risks in Syr Darya River Basin</i>
14:40-14:55	<p>Updates to the inventory and mapping of TMFs in Tajikistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ms Olexandra Riedl, UNECE consultant (online)</i> <p><i>Q&A</i></p>
14:55-15:15	<p>Recommendations on integrating industrial risks into national DRR strategy and plans of Tajikistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr Ilhom Ghulomjonov, ACTED Tajikistan</i> <p><i>Q&A</i></p>
15:15-15:35	<p>Discussion of follow-up activities of the Working Group regarding presented recommendations and project results</p> <p><i>Questions for discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>How can the recommendations of the UNECE regional projects be implemented in Tajikistan?</i> - <i>What measures should be taken to meet the needs in the field of tailings safety and prevention of accidental water pollution in Tajikistan?</i>
15:35-15:40	<p>Wrap-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr Ardasher Mirzozoda, First Deputy Chairman of the Service of the</i>

	<i>State Supervision of Safe Work in Industry and Mining Supervision under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan</i>
15:40-16:05	Coffee break
Session 4. Best practices in the safe management of mine tailings and prevention of water pollution	
16:05-16:20	Updated Bulletin on Tailings Design Principles - <i>Mr Andy Small, Senior Staff Consultant, Klohn, Crippen Berger, International Commission on Large Dams (online)</i>
16:20-16:35	Stakeholder's engagement for uranium legacy sites remediation in Central Asia, with a focus on Tajikistan - <i>Mr Dmitry Prudtskikh, Environmental Officer in OSCE Kyrgyzstan (online)</i>
16:35-16:50	Implementation of nature-based solutions to TMF pollution in Kazakhstan - <i>Mr Brendan Duprey, Director of the Sustainable Kazakhstan Research Institute, Associate Professor on Sustainable Development at the Narxoz University (online)</i>
16:50-17:05	Q&A, discussion
Session 5: Discussion of the draft Work Plan of the Working Group for 2023 and closure	
17:05-17:30	Discussion of the draft Work Plan of the Working Group for 2023 Conclusions and decisions by the members of Working Group, wrap-up and closure - <i>Mr Ardasher Mirzozoda, First Deputy Chairman of the Service of the State Supervision of Safe Work in Industry and Mining Supervision under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan</i> - <i>Ms Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, Regional Advisor on Environment, UNECE</i>