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## Strengthening action in Uzbekistan on water and sanitation and protection of water resources from accidental pollution in the face of climate change

### *High-level project launch event and technical meetings*

**Dates:** 14-15 March 2024

**Venue:** International hotel, Room Amir Temur, 107A Amir Temur, Tashkent

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### Provisional agenda

High-level project launch event	
Thursday, 14 March 2024 (9:00 – 17:30)	
9.00 – 9.30	Registration of participants and welcome coffee   Remote connection testing
1. High-level session: opening remarks and objectives of the event	
9.30 – 10.10	<p><i>Chaired by Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of Uzbekistan</i></p> <p><i>High-level opening remarks:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Zhusipbek Kazbekov, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of Uzbekistan</li> <li>• Mr. Ilhom Juraev, Director of Information-Analytical and Resource Center under the Ministry of Water Resources of Uzbekistan</li> <li>• Mr. Bakhodir Yusupaliev, Chief State Sanitary Doctor, Head of the Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare and Public Health Service of Uzbekistan</li> <li>• Mr. Sherzod Akhmedov, Ministry of Emergency Situations of Uzbekistan</li> <li>• Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin, UNECE Deputy Executive Secretary (video message)</li> <li>• Ms. Sara Noshadi, UN Resident Coordinator ad interim, UNESCO Representative</li> <li>• Ms. Rahel Boesch, Deputy Head of Mission/Head of Cooperation, Embassy of Switzerland in Uzbekistan</li> </ul> <p><i>Introduction to the event objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE Regional Advisor on Environment</li> </ul>
Session 2: Strengthening action in Uzbekistan on water and sanitation and protection of water resources from accidental pollution in the face of climate change: introduction to the project	
10.10 – 10.45	<p><i>Chaired by Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project objectives, planned activities and expected outcomes and impacts               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, Environmental Affairs Officer, Protocol on Water and Health, UNECE</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Claudia Kamke, Environmental Affairs Officer, Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, UNECE (online)</li> <li>• Questions and answers, discussion with the audience (interventions by partners and civil society representatives are kindly invited)</li> </ul>
<b>High-level press conference (coffee and snacks will be served)</b>	
10:45 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Zhusipbek Kazbekov, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of Uzbekistan</li> <li>• Mr. Bakhodir Yusupaliev, Chief State Sanitary Doctor, Head of the Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare and Public Health Service of Uzbekistan</li> <li>• Mr. Ilhom Juraev, Director of Information-Analytical and Resource Center under the Ministry of Water Resources of Uzbekistan</li> <li>• Mr. Sherzod Akhmedov, Ministry of Emergency Situations of Uzbekistan</li> <li>• Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE Regional Advisor on Environment</li> <li>• Ms. Rahel Boesch, Deputy Head of Mission/Head of Cooperation, Embassy of Switzerland in Uzbekistan</li> </ul>
<b>Session 3: Understanding the needs of Uzbekistan in the area of water resources, WASH, industrial/tailings safety and prevention of accidental water pollution</b>	
11:30 – 12:15	<p><i>Moderated by Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE Regional Advisor on Environment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status, challenges, and priorities in the area of water resources, WASH and health (joint presentation by the Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare and Public Health Service and Ministry of Water Resources)</li> <li>• Questions and answers, discussion with the audience</li> </ul>
12:15 – 13:00	<p><i>Moderated by Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE Regional Advisor on Environment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status, challenges, and priorities in the area of prevention and response to industrial accidents (joint presentation by Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change, Ministry of Emergency Situations and Inspectorate for Supervision of Mining, Geological and Industrial Safety)</li> <li>• Questions and answers, discussion with the audience</li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
<b>Parallel technical meetings on project activities under the UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health and the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention components</b>	
14:00 – 17:30	See separate agendas for parallel technical meetings in the afternoon of 14 March 2024 (pages 3 and 4 below)

**Technical workshop to facilitate Uzbekistan's accession to and implementation of the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents**  
**Thursday, 14 March 2024 (14:00-17:30), International hotel, room Dome**  
 Link for online connection:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87995442371?pwd=LBJ78rX9noPm86IL0aGoDPYLRcbQ1G.1>  
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**Opening and setting the scene**

14:00-14:10	Welcome and introduction
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**Session 1: Introduction to the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and next steps towards accession for Uzbekistan**

*Moderated by Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragcha, UNECE Regional Advisor on Environment*

14:10-15:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scope, benefits, and main requirements of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention Ms. Claudia Kamke, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention (online)</li> <li>• Experience in the practical implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention by Serbia, Mr. Bojan Srdić, co-Chair of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, Serbia (online)</li> <li>• Steps taken to accede to the Industrial Accidents Convention in 2022 by Ukraine, Mr. Yevhen Morshch, Ministry of Emergency Situations, Ukraine (online)</li> <li>• Uzbekistan's experience as a beneficiary of the Convention's Assistance and Cooperation Programme, Mr. Sherzod Akhmedov, Ministry of Emergency Situations (tbc)</li> </ul>
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15:10-15:30	Round-table discussion on the way forward towards Uzbekistan's accession to the Industrial Accidents Convention, including responsibilities, timeline, and next steps
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15:30-16:00	Coffee break
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**Session 2: Strengthening inter-institutional coordination and cooperation on tailings safety and the prevention of accidental water pollution in Uzbekistan**

*Moderated by Mr. Golib Shukurov, Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of Uzbekistan*

16:00-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application of UNECE tools and guidance on strengthening mine tailings safety in Uzbekistan, Central Asia and other UNECE countries, Ms. Ksenia Nechunaeva, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</li> <li>• Experience by Tajikistan in strengthening inter-institutional coordination through an Institutional Working Group on Tailings Safety and the Prevention of Accidental Water Pollution, Mr. Ardasher Mirzozoda, Service of the State Supervision of Safe Work in Industry and Mining Supervision under the Government of Tajikistan</li> <li>• Challenges, needs and opportunities in the management of tailings facilities in Uzbekistan, Otabek Kasimov, Inspectorate for Supervision of Mining, Geological and Industrial Safety</li> <li>• Benefits and draft ToR of the Inter-Institutional Working Group on Tailings Safety and Prevention of Accidental Water Pollution in Uzbekistan, Mr. Golib Shukurov, Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of Uzbekistan</li> </ul>
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17:00-17:20	Round-table discussion on the next steps towards establishment of an Inter-Institutional Working Group on Tailings Safety and the Prevention of Accidental Water Pollution
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17:20-17:30	Wrap-up, evaluation questionnaire, and closing
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**Technical workshop on implementation of the obligations under the UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health as a Party: baseline analysis and target setting**

Thursday, 14 March 2024 (14:00-17:30), International hotel, room Amir Temur

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86464143943?pwd=VuMoyZr0EDstk7CHDibcb1h3MhDXhM.1>

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**Opening and round of introductions**

*Moderated by the Committee for Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare and Public Health*

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| 14:00-14:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening by Mr. Bakhodir Yusupaliev, Head of the Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare and Public Health Service</li> <li>Opening by UNECE, Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, manager of the Protocol on Water and Health</li> <li>Opening by WHO/Europe, Ms. Asheena Khalakdina, WHO Representative and Head of WHO Country Office in Uzbekistan</li> <li>Getting to know each other and wishes for the meeting (and project)</li> </ul> |
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**Session 1: Protocol on Water and Health key provisions, obligations and added value**

*Moderated by the Committee for Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare and Public Health*

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| 14:30-15:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objectives, scope, obligations and added value of the Protocol on Water and Health, Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, UNECE, and Mr. Oliver Schmoll, co-Secretary to the Protocol on Water and Health (online)</li> <li>Hungarian experience as a Party to the Protocol on Water and Health, Ms. Marta Vargha, Chair of the Bureau of the Protocol, National Public Health Centre, Hungary (online)</li> <li>Work undertaken so far in the context of the Protocol on Water and Health in Uzbekistan and current priorities and needs, Ms. Olga Mirshina, Committee for Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare and Public Health</li> <li>Questions and answers, discussion on the needs and priorities for target setting</li> </ul> |
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15:30-16:00	Coffee break
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**Session 2: Target setting and review of progress under the Protocol on Water and Health**

*Moderated by Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragcha, UNECE Regional Advisor on Environment*

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| 16:00-17:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to the step-by-step process of baselining, target setting and action planning under the Protocol, Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, UNECE</li> <li>Intersectoral mechanisms for organizing the process in Uzbekistan: discussion with the audience</li> <li>Country case study on target setting under the Protocol in Belarus, Ms. Alena Drazdova, Republican Scientific-Practical Centre of Hygiene, Belarus (online)</li> <li>Reporting requirements under the Protocol, Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, UNECE</li> <li>Questions and answers</li> </ul> |
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17:00 - 17:20	Moderated discussion and definition of national roadmap towards baselining, target setting and action planning under the Protocol
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17:20-17:30	Circle back to wishes of the workshop, evaluation questionnaire, and closing remarks
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**First technical meeting on revision of wastewater standards in Uzbekistan  
(under the Protocol on Water and Health component)**

Friday, 15 March 2024 (14.00 – 18.00), International hotel, room Dome

Link for online connection:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81042891485?pwd=6eAOorF5f6csCK549TG5JiBkrPjUmj.1>

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**Moderator: Tamara Kutonova, UNECE, Manager of the National Policy Dialogue Programme on Water**

14:00– 14:30	Registration of participants and welcome coffee (internal meeting, upon invitation to specific organizations) Remote connection testing
14:30 –14:50	Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNECE</li> <li>• Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of Uzbekistan</li> <li>• Ministry of Water Resources</li> <li>• JSC Uzsuvtaminot</li> </ul>
14:50 – 15:20	Review of the current wastewater standards in Uzbekistan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JSC Uzsuvtaminot</li> <li>• Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of Uzbekistan</li> <li>• IFIs joint presentation: AFD, AIIB, WB, ADB, EBRD</li> </ul>
15:20 –15:40	Experience of Kazakhstan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revision of the wastewater standards in Kazakhstan: process, results and lessons learned – Mr. Amangeldy Jumagulov, Director of the LLP StroyDesignProekt</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
15:40 – 16:10	Discussion on the next steps
16:10 – 16:40	Coffee break
16:40 -17:30	Continuation of the discussion and agreement on the way forward
17:30	Closing and evaluation questionnaire