

AGENDA

24 January 2023

9:30 am - 4:00 pm (GEO time) | 1:30 - 8:00 pm (Manila time)

Tbilisi Marriott Hotel, Georgia and Online (via Zoom)

TIME	SESSIONS	RESOURCE PERSON
9:30 – 10:00 am (30 mins)	Technical Announcement and Acknowledgment of Participants	Moderator: Zaruhi Hayrapetyan, Social Development Specialist (Safeguards), Safeguards Division (SDSS), ADB
10:00 – 10:05 am (5 mins)	Welcome Remarks	Kamel Bouhmad, Deputy Country Director, Georgia Resident Mission (GRM), ADB
10:05 – 10:25 am (20 mins)	Presentation of Safeguards Issues by Implementing Agencies 1. United Water Supply Company of Georgia (UWSCG) 2. Municipal Development Fund (MDF) 3. Roads Department	Implementing Agencies
10:25-10:35 am (10 mins)	ADB Support on Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS) Implementation in Georgia	Ninette Pajarillaga, Senior Environment Specialist (Safeguards), Central and West Asia Regional Department Portfolio, Results, Safeguards, and Social Sector Unit (CWOD-PSG), ADB Sona Poghosyan , Social Development Specialist (Safeguards), CWOD-PSG, ADB
10:35 – 10:55 am (20 mins)	Session 1: Objectives of the Safeguard Policy Review and Update This session will provide an overview of the approach and methodology for the policy update, broad feedback of stakeholders from regional consultations, and an overview of the proposed environmental and social policy standards.	
	ADB Presentation	Bruce Dunn, Director, SDSS, ADB

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<p>10:55 am – 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Session 2(a): Safeguard Policy Directions and Recommendations for Environmental Safeguards: Findings from Analytical Studies and Feedback from Phase 2 Regional Stakeholder Consultations</p> <p>This session will provide an overview of environmental safeguards, specifically on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) assessment and management of environmental and social risks; (ii) pollution prevention and resource efficiency; (iii) health, safety, and security; (iv) biodiversity and sustainable natural resource management; and (v) cultural heritage. 	
	<p>ADB Presentation (20 mins)</p>	<p>Zehra Abbas, Principal Environment Specialist, SDSS, ADB</p>
	<p>Questions, Answers and Discussion (45 mins)</p>	<p>Facilitator: Ninette Pajarillaga, Senior Environment Specialist (Safeguards), CWOD-PSG, ADB</p>
<p>12:00 – 12:55 pm</p>	<p>Session 2(b): Safeguard Policy Directions and Recommendations for Social Safeguards: Findings from Analytical Studies and Feedback from Phase 2 Regional Stakeholder Consultations</p> <p>This session will provide an overview of social safeguards, specifically on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) labor and working conditions; (ii) land acquisition and land use restriction; (iii) indigenous peoples; and (iv) stakeholder engagement and information disclosure. 	
	<p>ADB Presentation (20 mins)</p>	<p>Madhumita Gupta, Principal Social Development Specialist (Safeguards), SDSS, ADB</p>
	<p>Questions, Answers and Discussion (35 mins)</p>	<p>Facilitator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sona Poghosyan, Social Development Specialist (Safeguards), CWOD-PSG, ADB • Nino Nadashvili, Associate Safeguards Officer, GRM, ADB
<p>12:55 – 1:55 pm (60 mins)</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>	

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1:55 - 3:45 pm (110 mins)	<p>Session 3. Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Involuntary Restriction of Access to Land</p> <p>This session will provide details on the findings and recommendations of the Independent Evaluation Department (IED) on involuntary resettlement, key findings of the benchmarking study, and key issues for consideration in the policy update.</p>	
	ADB Presentation (30 mins)	Irina Novikova, Principal Social Development Specialist (Safeguards), SDSS, ADB
	Questions, Answers and Discussion (80 mins)	Facilitator: Sona Poghosyan, Social Development Specialist (Safeguards), CWOD-PSG, ADB
3:45 - 3:55 pm (10 mins)	Wrap Up and Next Steps	Bruce Dunn, Director, SDSS, ADB
3:55 - 4:00 pm (5 mins)	Announcement and Brief Event Evaluation	Moderator: Zaruhi Hayrapetyan, Social Development Specialist (Safeguards), SDSS, ADB