

**Environmental Safeguard Conference and  
Environmental and Social Framework Orientation Workshop  
for Central and West Asia, and East Asia Regions**  
29 September – 2 October 2025 | Tbilisi, Georgia

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**


Time	Session / Format	Topic	Speakers / Facilitators
<b>Day 1 (Monday, 29 September 2025)</b>			
09:30–10:00	Registration & Coffee	Arrival and welcome of participants	Secretariat, Event Organizer
10:00–10:15	Opening Ceremony	Welcome Address	<b>Reden John Barlosso</b> , Senior Safeguards Specialist (Environment), Office of Safeguards (OSFG), ADB
10:15–10:30	<b>Session 1</b>	<b>TA 10110 in Review</b> Milestones, Challenges, and Lessons in Safeguards Practice	<b>Ninette Pajarillaga</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB
10:30–11:00	<b>Networking / Coffee &amp; Tea Break</b>		
11:00–12:30	<b>Session 2</b> PIU Case-based presentations + Contract Clause Clinic + Q&A	<b>Safeguards by Design</b> Embedding Environmental Compliance and Accountability into Procurement	<b>GEO Livable Cities Investment Project (LCIP)</b> <b>Presenter:</b> <b>Beka Toria</b> , ADB Program Manager, Municipal Development Fund (MDF)  <b>PAK Karachi Bus Rapid Transit Red Line Project</b> <b>Presenter:</b> <b>Attaullah Athar</b> , Manager ESS/HSE, TransKarachi (IA)  <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Nurlan Djenchuraev</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB
12:30–13:30	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>		
13:30–15:00	<b>Session 3</b> PIU Presentation + Q&A	<b>Operationalizing EMPs</b> Budgeting, Monitoring, and Shared Accountability in Implementation	<b>GEO road projects (F2 and F4) - Urban Infrastructure Projects</b> , relationship and links between EMP requirements, project

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			<p>complexity and monitoring requirements and cost implications</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <p><b>Tamar Nasuashvili</b>, Environmental Specialist, Roads Department of Georgia</p> <p><b>Luisa Bubashvili</b>, Environmental Specialist, Roads Department of Georgia</p> <p><b>ARM Early Risk Screening in Procurement (CAFSEP)</b></p> <p>Safeguards embedded in bidding and site selection</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u></p> <p><b>Ruzanna Voskanyan</b>, Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist</p> <p><b>UZB H&amp;S in Energy Project (56231-001)</b></p> <p>Health and Safety in Distribution Network Digital Transformation and Resiliency Project</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u></p> <p><b>Azizbek Batirov</b>, PIU Environmental Specialist, Unit Head</p> <p><b>Moderators:</b></p> <p><b>Armine Yedigaryan</b>, Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB</p> <p><b>Jonibek Sokhibov</b>, Safeguards Officer (Environment), OSFG, ADB</p>
<b>15:00–15:30</b>	<b>Networking / Coffee &amp; Tea Break</b>		
15:30–16:30	<b>Session 4</b> PIU Presentation + Discussion / Q&A	<b>Making Grievance Redress Work</b> Strengthening Risk-Based Approaches Across ADB funded Projects	<p><b>GEO GRM-Driven Design Change (Gudauro WWTP)</b></p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <p><b>Salome Mosidze</b>, Head of the Environmental Protection and Social Affairs Division, Department of Permits, Environmental Protection and Social Affairs, United Water Supply Company of Georgia (UWSCG), LLC;</p> <p><b>Ketevan Chomakhidze</b>, USIIP Environmental Consultant, United Water Supply Company of Georgia (UWSCG), LLC</p>

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			<b>Moderator:</b> <b>Ninette Pajarillaga</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB
16:30–17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wrap-up</li><li>• Expectations for Day 2</li><li>• Announcements/Reminders</li></ul>		
18:30–20:00	DINNER		
Day 2 (Tuesday, 30 September 2025)			
10:00–10:30	Recap of Day 1		<b>Reden John Barloso</b> , Senior Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB
10:30– 12:00	<b>Session 5</b> PIU Presentation + Interactive Exercise + Discussion/Q&A	<b>Resilient and Nature-Positive Design:</b> Enhancing Safeguards Implementation in Challenging Project Environments	<b>ARM Armenia-Georgia Border Regional Road (M6 Vanadzor-Bagratashen) Improvement Project</b> <u>Presenter:</u> <b>Inesa Zargaryan</b> , PIU Environmental Specialist  <b>TAJ Biodiversity Conservation in Road Design (CAREC Corridors 2, 5, 6)</b> <u>Presenter:</u> <b>Eraj Abduvohidzoda</b> , Coordinator on Social and Environmental Issues  <b>Moderators:</b> <b>Genevieve O'Farrell</b> , Senior Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB <b>Firuz Safarov</b> , Associate Safeguards Officer (Environment), OSFG, ADB
12:00–13:30	GROUP PHOTO / LUNCH BREAK		
13:30–15:00	<b>Session 6</b> PIU Presentation + Interactive Exercise + Q&A	<b>Driving Shared Responsibility:</b> Managing Cross-Cutting E&S Risks and Building a Culture of Compliance	<b>PAK Karachi Bus Rapid Transit Red Line Project</b> <u>Presenter:</u> <b>Abdul Jabbar Mazari</b> , Assistant Manager, TransKarachi  <b>UZB Railway Electrification and ESMP Monitoring</b> <u>Presenter:</u> <b>Guzal Khojamyarova</b> , PIU Environmental Specialist  <b>KGZ Asbestos Management in Toktogul Rehabilitation Project</b>

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			Toktogul Hydropower Plant (HPP): Practical Management of Legacy Asbestos in an HPP Rehabilitation Project <b>Presenter:</b> <b>Burul Alymkulova</b> , PIU Environmental Officer  <b>Moderators:</b> <b>Nurlan Djenchuraev</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB <b>Lizandro Racoma</b> , Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB
15:00–15:30	Networking / Coffee & Tea Break		
15:30–16:30	<b>Session 7</b> PIU Presentation + Q&A	<b>Strengthening Institutional Arrangements for Effective Safeguards Implementation</b>	<b>UZB - Institutional Arrangements Across Five WSS Projects</b> Consolidated PIU model for multi-loan management <b>Presenter:</b> <b>Abboskhon Tillakhujayev</b> , Environment and Social Safeguards Specialist  <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Genevieve O'Farrell</b> , Senior Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB
16:30–17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wrap-up</li><li>• Expectations for Day 3</li><li>• Announcements/Reminders</li></ul>		
17:30–19:00	Networking Cocktails		
Day 3 (Wednesday, 1 October 2025)			
10:00–10:15	Recap of Day 1 & 2 and Introduction to ESF		<b>Reden John Barloso</b> , Senior Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB
10:15–10:25	Welcome and introduction of training team		
10:25–10:35	Course objectives and agenda overview	Key objectives and requirements of the ESF	<b>Darshani De Silva</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB
10:35–11:00	ESF value proposition and key features	The importance of sustainability and E&S risk management, and how it is an integral part of ADB’s work. Highlights of the update from SPS to ESF. Overall architecture, convergence and common	<b>Mark Kunzer</b> , Consultant, OSFG, ADB



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		approaches with other development institutions, and strengthening of borrowers' and clients' environmental and social systems.	
11:00–11:15	Video: Early engagement		<b>Mark Kunzer</b> , Consultant, OSFG, ADB <b>Editha Aguilar</b> , Associate Safeguards Officer, OSFG, ADB
11:15–12:00	Risk classification	Introduction to risk classification. ADB and Borrower responsibilities. Implications of Risk classification. Overview of different types of risks and risks related to the operating environment and borrower capacity and resources. Emphasis on proportionality and focus on more significant risks.	<b>Felix Oku</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist, OSFG, ADB <b>Darshani De Silva</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB
<b>12:00–13:00</b>	<b>GROUP PHOTO / LUNCH BREAK</b>		
13:00–13:30	Risk factors: A case study	Short video of a project in Haiti. Discussion of E&S risks and stakeholder views.	<b>Darshani De Silva</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB <b>Editha Aguilar</b> , Associate Safeguards Officer, OSFG, ADB
13:45–15:00	Overview of the ten E&S Standards	Objectives and key requirements	<b>Mark Kunzer</b> , Consultant, OSFG, ADB
<b>15:00–15:30</b>	<b>Networking / Coffee &amp; Tea Break</b>		
15:30–16:10	Environmental and Social Assessment process	Emphasis on integrated risk management as an ongoing, iterative process with different deliverables and milestones both during project preparation and implementation. Consideration of E&S factors in project management decisions through application of a mitigation hierarchy. Disclosure, monitoring, reporting requirements, Q&A. Project approval, ESCP/ESAP, capacity assessment and strengthening, monitoring and adaptive management.	<b>Darshani De Silva</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB <b>Takako Morita</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist, OSFG, ADB 
16:10–16:45	Procurement and contractor management	Bidding documents, contractual requirements, works performance and contract enforcement.	<b>Mark Kunzer</b> , Consultant, OSFG, ADB <b>Felix Oku</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist, OSFG, ADB
16:45–17:15	Open discussion	Questions and answers, challenges and opportunities with the ESF, how	<b>Mark Kunzer</b> , Consultant, OSFG, ADB

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		participants see their role, and support expected. Further learning requirements.	<b>Darshani De Silva</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB <b>Felix Oku</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist, OSFG, ADB
<b>18:30–20:00</b>	<b>DINNER</b>		
<b>Day 4 (Thursday, 2 October 2025)</b>			
10:00–10:15	Recap of Day 3		<b>Darshani De Silva</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB <b>Mark Kunzer</b> , Consultant, OSFG, ADB
10:15–10:55	ESS10: Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure	Overview of ESS10 objectives and requirements, and implications for project design and implementation through ongoing engagement with stakeholders.	<b>Zaruhi Hayrapetyan</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist (Social), OSFG 
10:55–11:35	ESS4: Health, Safety and Security	Overview of health, safety, and security issues, both for project workers and project-affected persons. The session will include a discussion on sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment (SEAH)	<b>Felix Oku</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist, OSFG, ADB
11:35–12:15	ESS2: Labor and Working Conditions	Overview of ESS2 objectives, discuss characteristics of different categories of workers, and key requirements and considerations	<b>Felix Oku</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist, OSFG, ADB
12:15–12:45	Introduction to Management-led Grievance Redress Service		<b>Felix Oku</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist, OSFG, ADB
<b>12:45–13:45</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>		
13:45–14:25	ESS9: Climate Change	Overview of key elements and requirements of ESS9	<b>Mark Kunzer</b> , Consultant, OSFG, ADB <b>Takako Morita</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist, OSFG, ADB 
14:25–15:05	ESS6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Natural Resources Management	Overview of key elements and requirements of ESS6	<b>Mark Kunzer</b> , Consultant, OSFG, ADB <b>Darshani De Silva</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB
<b>15:05–15:35</b>	<b>Networking / Coffee &amp; Tea Break</b>		
15:35–16:15	ESS3: Resource Conservation and Pollution Prevention	Overview of key elements and requirements of ESS3	<b>Mark Kunzer</b> , Consultant, OSFG, ADB

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16:15–16:55	ESS8: Cultural Heritage	Overview of key elements and requirements of ESS8	<b>Darshani De Silva</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB
16:55–17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing Remarks</li> <li>• Awarding of Certificates</li> <li>• Conference Video Highlights</li> </ul>		<b>Darshani De Silva</b> , Principal Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB <b>Reden John Barloso</b> , Senior Safeguards Specialist (Environment), OSFG, ADB
18:30–20:00	<b>DINNER</b>		