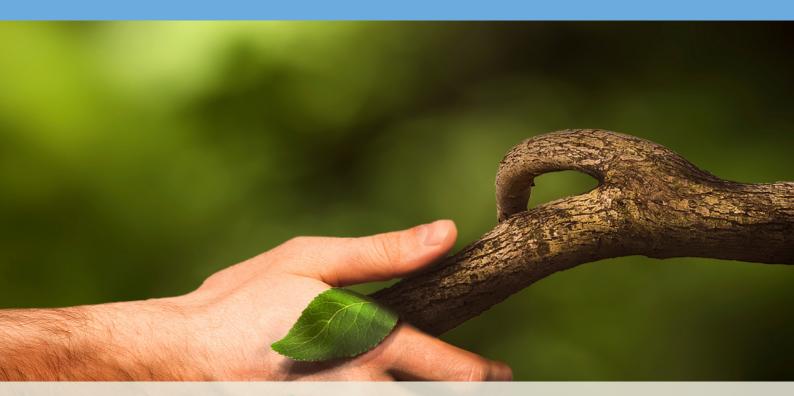


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Technical Evaluation Meeting on Pilot Sites

We held an online technical meeting on 7 November with the participation of Soil Pollution Consultant, Risk Assessment Consultant, Contaminated Sites Management Expert and Contaminated Sites Expert, and the UNDP Türkiye Country Office project team. At the meeting, we talked about the details of the site analysis studies which will directly affect the progress in the pilot remediation studies under the works component. The experts shared their technical views on the sites as per the analysis results.



Pilot Site Visit to the Northeast Part of Türkiye

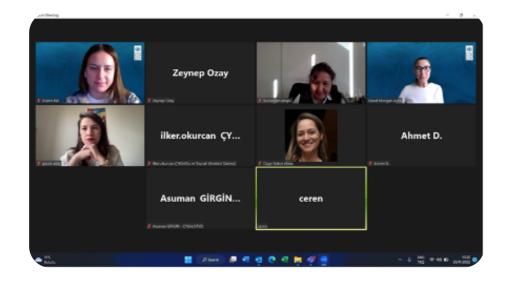


We organized a site visit to the northeast part of Türkiye on 21 November with the participation of the relevant institutions. First, we visited the Provincial Directorate of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change to inform authorized people about the project and then, we conducted a site visit which allowed the participants to make on-site observations. The technical expert provided information about the current situation of the site and the site owner mentioned the scope of the site usage.

28th Operation Coordination Unit Meeting and Progress of Project Activities

We held the 28th Operation Coordination Unit Meeting online on 29 November with the participation of the European Union Delegation to Türkiye representatives, Ms. Özge Gökçe Aktaş and Ms. Çiğdem Coygun, the central staff of the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, and the UNDP Türkiye Country Office project team. At the meeting, we talked about the updates in the site visit and analysis studies in the pilot sites, date planning of the upcoming activities as well as the current situations of the ongoing activities. We decided to organize an additional site visit for further analysis in December. We will revise the technical specification documents as per the site analysis results of the samples to be taken.

We continue to hold our weekly project meetings, where we talk about the progress on the project activities with the Ministry. We are planning to organize an online consultation meeting on Legal Gap Analysis in December with approximately 20-30 participants. According to the evaluation of the technical units, we plan to organize the second study visit within the first quarter of 2023 and the third visit in June 2023. We started our preparations for the Alternative Remediation Technologies and Risk Training which is planned to be organized in January 2023. We submitted the first draft of the Third Progress Report to the Ministry on 7 November.



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