

Summary of the webinar on “Audit of Municipal Solid Waste Management” held on 19.08.2025 for SCO members

On April 14, 2025, the 7th Meeting of the Heads of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of the Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) was held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan. The meeting was attended by the SAIs of the following SCO member states:

1. Kyrgyz Republic
2. Republic of Belarus
3. India
4. Islamic Republic of Iran
5. Republic of Kazakhstan
6. People’s Republic of China
7. Islamic Republic of Pakistan
8. Russian Federation
9. Republic of Tajikistan
10. Republic of Uzbekistan

During the meeting, the SCO member SAIs adopted the Action Plan 2025–2027 aimed at strengthening mutual cooperation, facilitating the exchange of knowledge and experience, and organizing thematic webinars to enhance practical audit capacities among member SAIs.

In line with this Action Plan, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (SAI India) was entrusted with the responsibility of organizing a webinar on the topic “Audit of Municipal Solid Waste Management” in 2025. In pursuance of this mandate, the International Centre for Environment Audit and Sustainable Development (iCED), Jaipur, organized the virtual webinar on 19th August 2025.

Participation Overview

Official invitations were extended to all SCO member SAIs to seek nominations for participation. In response, a total of eight official nominations were received:

- 2 (Two) from SAI Kyrgyzstan
- 2 from SAI Pakistan
- 1 from the SCO Secretariat
- 3 from SAI Tajikistan

In addition, Shri Pratik Patil, IA&AS officer from SAI India, was also nominated, bringing the total number of official participants to nine, representing five SAIs (including SAI India) and the SCO Secretariat. The participant list and course schedule are enclosed for reference.

While no formal nominations were received from SAI Uzbekistan and SAI Belarus, it was observed that some participants from these SAIs joined the webinar in groups. However, in the absence of formal communication, the exact number of participants from these SAIs could not be confirmed.

Webinar Content and Structure

The webinar comprised two virtual sessions:

The first session provided an overview of municipal solid waste management, exploring key challenges, emerging global best practices, and strategic approaches for the future.

The second session focused on experience-sharing by SAI India, presenting case studies of audits conducted in the area of solid waste management. The session highlighted good practices, lessons learned, and actionable insights relevant to SCO member SAIs.

Feedback and Follow-up

The feedback received during the valediction session was very encouraging. Additionally, SAI Uzbekistan followed up with an appreciation email, commending the structure of the program and the quality of presentations delivered by the faculty. The PPTs and the recording of the webinar will be shared with the participants shortly.