

Tamlar 2.0

A simulation exercise for regional mountain range governance

PARTICIPANT GUIDE



The Tamlar Environment Fund (TEF), which provides support for regional governance and collaboration in the Tamlar Mountain Range, offers a unique opportunity to develop a large-scale funding proposal for a transboundary project that addresses climate change impacts and risks.

You will join different stakeholders from the Tamlar Mountain Range in two stakeholder consultation meetings to negotiate the details of the proposal. During these meetings facilitated by the Tamlar Connection Secretariat, you will need to discuss different aspects of the proposal and find compromises that balance the key interests and priorities of a diverse set of stakeholders. You will also draw on lessons learned from the Mountains Connect basecamps and your own professional experiences.

Tamlar 2.0 invites you to view a thematic issue from multiple perspectives and reflect on the complexities of regional mountain range governance, practicing collaborative decision-making in a transboundary context.

Objectives

- **Learn and reflect:** You will explore the perspectives, priorities, and needs of different stakeholders involved in a transboundary mountain range project and negotiate solutions that are based on compromise and innovative thinking.
- **Apply your knowledge:** You will put what you learned during the Mountains Connect basecamps into action and use it to co-create new ideas and approaches for planning and implementing a climate change adaptation project at a regional scale.

Expected outputs

During Tamlar 2.0, you will help produce:

1. A visual representation and presentation of the proposal and the proposal-writing process

Using the Tamlar map, flip charts, and sticky notes, you will document discussions and decisions based on the Tamlar Environment Fund (TEF) call. The proposal should provide a summary of the project's vision, objectives, key challenges, and proposed actions.

2. Key takeaways and action items per region

You will capture the lessons learned from co-creation and negotiation with diverse stakeholders, and identify a few concrete next steps or actions for the way forward in your region.

Simulation overview

- National government representatives from three different countries are planning a climate adaptation project at a regional scale in the transboundary Tamlar Mountain Range. They aim to apply for **large-scale funding from the Tamlar Environment Fund (TEF)** and will hold two stakeholder consultation meetings to develop a concrete regional project proposal by the end of the exercise.
- The proposal-writing process and the proposal will be presented to the **TEF Board** for review.

Your role

- For the simulation exercise, we have selected eight stakeholders who will participate in the stakeholder consultation meeting. You will assume one of the following roles:
 - **Government representative** from country Sarid
 - **Government representative** from country Kitar
 - **Government representative** from country Miria
 - **Hydropower operator** from country Sarid
 - **Tourism operator** from country Kitar
 - **Farmer** from country Kitar
 - **Local citizen** from country Miria
 - **Researcher** from country Miria
- Your task will be to:
 - Discuss and negotiate different aspects of the proposal
 - Find compromises that balance the key interests and priorities of all stakeholders
 - Use your experience and lessons learned to guide your decisions
- For your role, you will receive:
 - A brief description of who you are.
 - Information about your interests, priorities, constraints, and role-specific objectives.
 - A name tag so that others can easily recognize your role.

Rules and procedures

- Here's how the simulation will run:
 - The exercise is divided into a preparatory round, two consultation meetings, the presentations to the TEF board and a debriefing in regional groups. The detailed agenda is described further down.
 - All groups start with the same scenario and roles. During the project development, certain external incidents may occur and influence the discussions. Your simulation exercise group number is printed on the back of your name tag.
 - Each group will be accompanied by a facilitator.
- Sufficient time is reserved for debriefing and reflection. In regional groups you will reconvene in their clusters to debrief, reflect, and identify concrete follow-up actions (Andean Mountain Initiative, Alpine Convention, Carpathian Convention, HKH High-Level Task Force, South Caucasus, EAC Mountain Stakeholder Platform, Central Asia).

Agenda overview

Tuesday

Introduction	In plenum	15 min
Preparatory round	Among participants with the same role	30 min
Simulation exercise: first consultation meeting	With your simulation exercise group	1h

Wednesday

Simulation exercise: second consultation meeting	With your simulation exercise group	1.5h
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Break

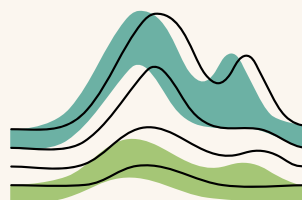
Simulation exercise: second consultation meeting	With your simulation exercise group	40 min
Presentations to TEF Board	In plenum, each group has 5 minutes to present	45 min

Lunch

Words from TEF Board	In plenum	15 min
Debriefing and discussion in regional groups	With colleagues from your region	1.5h

Break

Plenary discussions on reflections from the regions	In plenum	30 min
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