

An ICCM side event organized by UNITAR on behalf of the International
PRTR Coordinating Group

**Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs) as a tool to support the
implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management
(SAICM): Experience, challenges and opportunities**

Monday, 11 May 2009

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Location: International Conference Centre Geneva, room 15
(lunch provided)

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), on behalf of the International PRTR Coordinating Group, invites ICCM2 participants to a side event on PRTRs which have a vast potential to assist in the implementation of the SAICM Global Plan of Action (GPA) and the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) goal of achieving sound chemical management by 2020.

The objective of the event, which will be chaired by Mr. Georg Karlaganis, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland, is to demonstrate how PRTRs and PRTR capacity-building activities support developing countries and countries with economies in transition in their efforts to implement the objectives of the SAICM and Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), such as the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

The following international, national and non-governmental experts will present experience, challenges and opportunities for using PRTRs to achieve these objectives:

- Mr. Georg Karlaganis, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland (moderator)
Switzerland's experience in the development of PRTRs
- Mr. Craig Boljkovac, UNITAR
UNITAR's global PRTR activities and opening remarks
- Mr. Michael Stanley-Jones, UNECE
Kiev Protocol on PRTRs and the SAICM GPA
- Mr. Jorge Ocaña, UNEP
GEF global POPs PRTR project
- Olga Speranskaya, Eco-Accord and Winner of the Goldman Environmental Prize Europe 2009
The Role of Inter-Sectoral Partnerships in Development of Regional and Local PRTRs
- Mr. Henrik Harjula, OECD
PRTR Global Solution for Emission Reporting

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