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Development of a GHS Roster of Experts

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The GHS Action Plan adopted by IFCS Forum IV in Bangkok, Thailand in November 2003 requested UNITAR/ILO, as the focal point for capacity building in the UN SCEGHS, and in collaboration with the Sub-committee, to develop a roster of GHS experts who can provide support on training and capacity building activities on the application of GHS classification, labelling, and safety data sheets by the end of 2004. UNITAR initiated development of the roster in August 2004 through contact with the members of the UN SCEGHS. Members were also asked that if other experts would be more appropriate (e.g. from other ministries or organizations working in the agriculture, industry, transport, environment, health or other sectors), that their details should be provided.

Annex I of this document summarizes the responses received to date and provides an initial comparative analysis based on the roster of GHS experts identifying sectors, regions and areas of support where experts are willing to provide assistance.

As of 25 October 2004, 29 nominations have been received (see Annex II). Further nominations to the roster are welcome.

An initial review of the current roster reveals that:

- all nominated experts are willing to provide written input to questions related to GHS application/implementation;
- all nominated experts are willing to participate in and contribute to national/regional GHS workshops, though most indicate a need for external support;
- overall, fewer nominees have expertise in the transport and agriculture sectors than in the workplace and consumer product sectors;
- few experts are able to provide support in French in Spanish and none (currently) in Arabic, Chinese or Russian; and
- there are currently 24 experts based in developed countries and 5 based in developing countries.

Annex I: Responses Received to Call for Indication of Interest to be Included in a GHS Roster of Experts

Willingness to provide written input to questions from UNITAR/ILO, the SCEGHS, or countries related to GHS application / implementation:	29 experts
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Willingness to participate in and contribute to national/regional workshops on the GHS, including:	29 experts
participate only with external support	18 experts
participate at their own costs	8 experts
didn't specify	4 experts

Practical experience with national level GHS implementation¹:	21 experts
in the development of national GHS situation/gap analysis, related to:	13 experts
- <i>workplace sector</i>	9 experts
- <i>transport sector</i>	6 experts
- <i>agricultural sector</i>	6 experts
- <i>consumer products sector</i>	9 experts
- <i>other sectors (marine environmental protection, health, pesticides, hazardous wastes etc.)</i>	3 experts
in the development of national GHS action/implementation plan related to:	12 experts
- <i>workplace sector</i>	8 experts
- <i>transport sector</i>	4 experts
- <i>agricultural sector</i>	6 experts
- <i>consumer products sector</i>	8 experts
- <i>other sectors (marine environmental protection, health, pesticides, hazardous wastes etc.)</i>	3 experts

¹ Some experts chose more than one sectors where they are able to provide support.

in understanding of roles of industry/labour/NGOs in national GHS implementation, in particular, in:	17 experts
- <i>workplace sector</i>	12 experts
- <i>transport sector</i>	9 experts
- <i>agricultural sector</i>	9 experts
- <i>consumer products sector</i>	12 experts
- <i>other sectors (marine environmental protection, health, pesticides, hazardous wastes etc.)</i>	4 experts
in all three above-mentioned areas	9 experts

Areas where the experts are able to provide support for:	
Classification, in particular, in:	22 experts
- <i>workplace sector</i>	14 experts
- <i>transport sector</i>	11 experts
- <i>agricultural sector</i>	9 experts
- <i>consumer products sector</i>	13 experts
- <i>other sectors (marine environmental protection,, health, chemicals industry obligations, hazardous wastes, pesticides)</i>	8 experts
Labels, in particular, in:	19 experts
- <i>workplace sector</i>	12 experts
- <i>transport sector</i>	8 experts
- <i>agricultural sector</i>	9 experts
- <i>consumer products sector</i>	13 experts
- <i>other sectors (marine environmental protection,, chemicals industry obligations, hazardous wastes, pesticides)</i>	5 experts
Safety Data Sheets, in particular, in:	15 experts
- <i>workplace sector</i>	13 experts
- <i>transport sector</i>	7 experts
- <i>agricultural sector</i>	8 experts
- <i>consumer products sector</i>	9 experts
- <i>other sectors (marine environmental protection,, chemicals industry obligations, hazardous wastes, pesticides)</i>	2 experts

Legal Issues, in particular, in:	16 experts
- <i>workplace sector</i>	9 experts
- <i>transport sector</i>	6 experts
- <i>agricultural sector</i>	7 experts
- <i>consumer products sector</i>	9 experts
- <i>other sectors (marine environmental protection,, chemicals industry obligations, hazardous wastes, pesticides)</i>	4 experts
Other (operational and legal interpretation and guidance, classification for metals and metal compounds, first aid)	3 experts

Regions able to provide support to:	
Africa	8 experts
Asia Pacific	15 experts
Central and Eastern Europe	13 experts
Latin America	10 experts

Language(s) able to provide support in:	
English	27 experts
French	5 experts
Spanish	4 experts
Russian	-
Chinese	-
Arabic	-
<i>Other (German, Portuguese, Hindi, Malaysian, Indonesian, Japanese)</i>	10 experts

Annex II: Nominated GHS Experts (as of 25 October 2004)

1. ARAI, Kozo
2. ARNDT, Reiner
3. BENASSAI, Sergio
4. COCKER, David J.
5. FASEY, Andrew
6. FLEIG, Helmut
7. GALVES, Jose Antonio
8. GREEN, Reg
9. GUPTA, Kailash C.
10. HEADRICK, Kim
11. HEIM, Katherine
12. HOFER, Thomas
13. JONAI, Hiroshi
14. KAPINDULA, David
15. KIRCHNAWY, Friedrich
16. LAKHANISKY, Thaly
17. LOWE, Mary Fences
18. MIYAGAWA, Muneyuki
19. MUSSET, Laurence
20. ONYON, Lesley
21. PANGANIBAN, Lynn R.
22. PRICE, Ken
23. PUIATTI, Roque Luis Mion
24. SANO, Hiroshi
25. SHAFII, Ibrahim Bin
26. SOW, Ousmane
27. SULLIVAN, Michelle R.
28. WALSH, Caroline
29. WARNER, Robert

Full contact details for nominated experts in the Roster are available from UNITAR.