



**Subregional workshop for Central
Asia on industrial accident
prevention:**
***Chemicals management,
identification and notification of
industrial hazardous activities and
accidental water pollution***

Astana, 26-28 May 2015

Provisional agenda

Objectives

- 1. To familiarize the countries in Central Asia with the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents in order to enhance industrial safety, safeguard human health and the environment and enhance sub-regional cooperation**
- 2. To increase the expert and administrative capacity in the area of identification and notification of hazardous activities, in line with Annex I of the Convention, aligned with the Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)**
- 3. To increase the capacity of the countries in Central Asia in the area of prevention of accidental water pollution.**

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- 14:00 – 14:05** **Opening of the meeting**
- 14:05 – 14:10** **Welcome statement by a representative of Kazakhstan**
(Mr. Talgat Momyshev, Chairman of the Committee of environmental regulation, control and state inspection in the oil and gas complex)
- 14:10 – 14:15** **Welcome statement by the UNECE secretariat**
(Franziska Ilg-Hirsch, Secretary to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention)

Session 1: Setting the scene

(Chaired by Mr. Talgat Torebekov, Committee of environmental regulation, control and state inspection in the oil and gas complex, Kazakhstan)

- 14:15 – 14:25** **Introduction to the workshop**
(Franziska Ilg-Hirsch, Secretary to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention)
- 14:25 – 14:35** **The Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents – scope and main requirements regarding identification and notification of hazardous activities**
(Nikolay Savov, Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat)
- 14:35 – 14:40** **Questions and answers**
- 14:40 – 15:00** **The UN Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) and linkages with the Industrial Accidents Convention**
(Rosa Garcia Couto , secretariat of GHS subcommittee, UNECE Transport Division)
- 15:00 – 15:10** **Questions and answers**
- 15:10 – 15:25** **The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) - International Cooperation Activities Towards Sound Chemical Management**
(Rohan P Perera, Senior International Cooperation Officer at OPCW)
- 15:25 – 15:35** **Questions and answers**
- 15:35 – 15:45** **Identification of hazardous activities in Kazakhstan**

15:45 – 15:50	Questions and answers
15.50 – 16.05	Coffee break
16:05 – 16:15	Identification of hazardous activities in Kyrgyzstan <i>(Suiuntbek Alikeev, State Agency of Geology and Mineral Resources of Kyrgyzstan)</i>
16:15 – 16:20	Questions and answers
16:20 – 16:30	Identification of hazardous activities in Tajikistan <i>(Yahyojon Valiev, Department of International Organisation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan)</i>
16:30 – 16:35	Questions and answers
16:35 – 16:45	Identification of hazardous activities in Turkmenistan <i>(Dovran Ashyrov, Head, Radio-chemical protection Service, Civil Defense Department, Main Civil Defense and Rescue Operations Department, Ministry of Defense of Turkmenistan)</i>
16:45 – 16:50	Questions and answers
16:50 – 17:30	Discussion on next steps towards improving the national capacities for identification of hazardous activities
17:30 – 17:45	Conclusions and closure of Day 1

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Session 2: Classification of hazardous substances in the context of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention

(Chaired by Ms. Sandra Ashcroft, Chair of the Working Group on the implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention, UK)

9:30 – 9:50	Structure and recent changes of Annex I of the Convention <i>(Nikolay Savov, Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat)</i>
9:50 – 10:00	Questions and answers
10:00 – 10:30	Classification of hazardous substances according to the GHS and exchange of information on the hazardous properties of chemicals through the supply chain

(Rosa Garcia Couto , secretariat of GHS subcommittee, UNECE Transport Division)

10:30 – 10:40 **Questions and answers**

10.40 – 11.10 **Coffee break**

11:10 – 11:30 **Example of identification of hazardous activities in the UK**

(Ms. Sandra Ashcroft, Chair of the Working Group on the implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention, UK)

11:30 – 11:40 **Questions and answers**

11:40 – 12:00 **Example of identification of hazardous activities in Belarus**

(Viktor Koiro, Head of the Department for Supervision of Industrial Safety of the Ministry of emergency situations of Belarus)

12:00 – 12:10 **Questions and answers**

12:10 – 12:40 **Discussion on national procedures for identification of hazardous activities in Central Asia**

(Nikolay Savov, Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat)

12:40 – 13:45 **Lunch Break**

Session 3: Identification of hazardous activities with potential transboundary impacts

(Chaired by Ms. Franziska Ilg-Hirsch, Secretary to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention)

13:45 – 14:05 **Identification of hazardous activities with transboundary impact – location criteria**

(Nikolay Savov, Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat)

14:05 – 14:15 **Questions and answers**

14:15 – 14:40 **National implementation example of determining transboundary impact - location criteria and beyond and Notification of hazardous activities – practical implementation, examples and good practices – Switzerland**

(Martin Merkofer, Major Accident and Earthquake Mitigation Section, Federal Office for Environment, Switzerland)

14:40 – 14:45 **Questions and answers**

14:45 – 14:55 **Linking industrial accidents to disaster management**

(Emilia Wahlstrom, Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit)

14:55 – 15:00	Questions and answers
15:00 – 15:20	Coffee break
15:20 – 17:00	Practical exercise for the countries in Central Asia on classification of hazardous substances and identification of hazardous activities <i>(facilitated by UNECE secretariat representatives and international experts)</i>
17:00 – 17:45	Presentation of the outcome of the exercise and discussion on next steps for identification of hazardous activities in Central Asia
17:45 – 18:00	Conclusions and closure of Day 2

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Session 4 Notification of hazardous activities

(Chaired by Ms. Sandra Ashcroft, Chair of the Working Group on the implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention, UK)

9:00 – 9:20	Notification of hazardous activities from the Convention perspective <i>(Nikolay Savov, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat)</i>
9:20 – 9:30	Questions and answers
9:30 – 10:00	Discussion on future steps for identification and notification of hazardous and transboundary cooperation in Central Asia
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break

Session 5 Preventing accidental water pollution

(Chaired by Mr. Serik Akhmetov, member of the UNECE Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, Kazakhstan)

10:30 – 10:45	Prevention of accidental water pollution – the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents <i>(Serik Akhmetov, member of the UNECE Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, Kazakhstan)</i>
10:45 – 10:55	Questions and answers
10:55 – 11:05	Preventing accidental water pollution in Kyrgyzstan

(Amangeldi Isaev , Ministry of Agriculture and Melioration of Kyrgyzstan)

11:05 – 11:10

Questions and answers

11:10 – 11:20

Preventing accidental water pollution in Kazakhstan

(Serik Akhmetov, member of the UNECE Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, Kazakhstan)

11:20 – 11:25

Questions and answers

11:25 – 11:35

Preventing accidental water pollution in Tajikistan

(Yahyojon Valiev, Department of International Organisation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ofTajikistan)

11:35 – 11:40

Questions and answers

11:40 – 11:50

Preventing accidental water pollution in Turkmenistan

(Soltanmyrat Babajanov, Head, Plant Protection Service, Ministry of Agriculture of Turkmenistan)

11:50 – 11:55

Questions and answers

11:55 – 12:25

Discussion on accidental water pollution prevention, preparedness and response in Central Asia

12:25 – 13:00

The way forward towards enhancing industrial safety with due regard to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention: Conclusions and next steps

13:00 – 13:15

Closure of the workshop