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Fostering implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030

Programme of a joint ECE/OECD seminar on fostering implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 for industrial accidents prevention, preparedness and response

Note by the secretariat

Summary

The Seminar is organized jointly by the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention) and the OECD Working Group on Chemical Accidents, within the framework of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Industrial Accidents Convention.

The main objective of the seminar is to discuss how the work of UNECE and OECD on industrial and chemical accidents prevention, preparedness and response can contribute to achieving the sustainable development agenda, in particular the relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the goals and priority actions set out in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030.

I. Aims and focus of the seminar

1. The seminar aims to:
 - (a) Raise awareness of OECD and UNECE member States of the recent global commitments
 - (b) Provide a platform for the exchange of ideas and practice for implementing them
 - (c) Provide input to the future work of OECD and UNECE
 - (d) Inform the risk reduction community of the role of industrial accidents prevention, preparedness and response in achieving the global commitments.

2. Throughout the seminar, presentations and discussions will focus on a number of issues, principally:

(a) How has and will the adoption of the SDGs and the Sendai Framework impact national policies, initiatives and programmes related to industrial accidents prevention, preparedness and response?

(b) What kind of support do countries need in their implementation of global commitments? How can UNECE and OECD, based on their programmes in the field of industrial accidents prevention, preparedness and response, most effectively support countries within and outside their membership?

(c) What opportunities do the sustainable development and disaster risk reduction commitments offer? How can these opportunities be used to ensure that industrial safety remains high on policymakers' agendas toward 2030?

(d) How to cooperate most effectively with other parts of the industrial or environmental management field in order to get more visibility for industrial accidents prevention, and enhanced implementation efforts?

II. Participants in the seminar

3. Besides UNECE and OECD member States, other United Nations and international organizations and countries beyond the UNECE and OECD membership are invited to attend and to contribute to the seminar.

III. Flow of the seminar

4. The seminar will open with a high-level panel discussion on how efforts to address industrial accidents prevention, preparedness and response link with the global goals. Following the panel, individual presentations by representatives of States and industry will open the discussion of issues related to sustainable infrastructure, climate-related hazards, natural-hazard triggered technological accidents (Natech) and land-use planning for the enhancement of disaster resilience.

5. The seminar will also provide opportunity to reflect on the role of the private sector and public authorities in the implementation of global commitments of the 2030 Agenda and the Sendai Framework. The audience will learn about the experiences and expectations of integrating global goals into national policies, initiatives and programmes in different regions.

6. Finally, speakers will discuss the opportunities for improving industrial safety and ways to encourage enhanced implementation efforts.

IV. Conclusions of the seminar

7. Conclusions from the seminar will help to:

(a) Highlight the relevance of the work of the OECD and UNECE for meeting the global goals

(b) Ensure that the global commitments are most effectively reflected into the programmes of work of both the Industrial Accidents Convention and the OECD Working Group on Chemical Accidents

(c) Identify opportunities arising from the global commitments for strengthening visibility and implementation efforts for industrial accidents prevention, preparedness and response.

8. A written summary by the Chairs' will capture the main conclusions arising from the seminar.

V. Programme of the seminar

<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>
10.00–10.20	Opening of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Industrial Accidents Convention and adoption of the agenda (see official agenda)
10.20–11.45	<p>Session I: Setting the scene: Linking industrial accidents with the SDGs and Sendai Framework</p> <p>This panel discussion will highlight the main challenges faced globally for industrial and chemical accidents prevention, preparedness and response. It will link those challenges to the global commitments and the role of UNECE, OECD and other actors in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030.</p> <p>The panel discussion will be moderated by Mr. Andrey Vasilyev, Deputy Executive Secretary of UNECE.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Alenka Smerkolj, Minister of Development, Strategic Projects and Cohesion, Slovenia • H.E. Mr. Boyko Malinov, Deputy Minister of Environment and Water, Bulgaria • Ms. Paola Albrito, Head of Regional Office for Europe, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) • Mr. Peter Kearns, Principal Administrator, Environment Directorate, OECD. <p>The panel discussion will include taking questions from the floor.</p>
11.45–12.05	Coffee Break
12.05–13.00	<p>Session II: Spotlight on special issues</p> <p>Session II will be moderated by Mr. Chris Dijkens, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment of the Netherland and current Chair of the Convention’s Working Group on Development, and will include the following presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sustainable infrastructures: upgrading infrastructures and retrofitting chemical industries to mitigate risks in the event of an earthquake</i>, by Mr. Raphael Gonzalez, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland • <i>Industrial accidents linked to climate-related natural hazards and disasters (Natechs)</i>, by Mr. Roland Fendler, Federal Environment Agency, Germany • <i>Siting and land-use planning to enhance resilience for disasters</i>, by Ms. Maria do Carmo Figueira, Portuguese Environment Agency. <p>Session II will include taking questions from the floor.</p>
13.00–15.00	Lunch (and family photograph)

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15.00–16.10 Session III: Integrating global goals into national policies, initiatives and programmes for industrial accidents prevention, preparedness and response

Session III will provide an exchange of views and experiences on (i) the way the global commitments and goals might impact national frameworks for industrial accidents prevention, preparedness and response, and (ii) the type of support that would be needed by countries to facilitate the implementation of these goals.

Session III will be moderated by **Mr. Matjaž Mikoš**, President, Slovenian Committee for Protection Against Natural and Other Disasters and will include the following presentations:

- *Views and experiences from the Chair of the Convention's Working Group on Implementation*, by Ms. Sandra Ashcroft, Health & Safety Executive, United Kingdom
- *The role of public authorities and the private sector in the implementation of the Sendai Framework and the SDGs related to chemical accidents*, by Mr. Georg Arens, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety of Germany
- *Views and experiences from Eastern Europe*, by Mr. Alexandre Kudrashov, Head of Department for Supervision of Industrial Safety, Ministry of Emergency Situations of Belarus

Session III will include a discussion with the audience

16.10–16.30 Coffee Break**16.30–17.45 Session IV: Needs and opportunities related to the implementation of the sustainable development agenda**

Session IV will be a panel discussion on (i) the opportunities presented by the sustainable development goals and disaster risk reduction commitments, (ii) how these opportunities can be used to ensure that industrial safety remains high on policymakers' agendas, (iii) how to cooperate most effectively with other parts of the chemicals or environmental management field in order to get more visibility for industrial accidents prevention and encourage enhanced implementation efforts and (iv) how UNECE and OECD, based on their current work programmes in the field of industrial accidents prevention, preparedness and response, can most effectively support countries.

Session IV will be moderated by **Ms. Sandra Ashcroft**, Health & Safety Executive, United Kingdom, and current Chair of the Convention's Working Group on Implementation.

Panellists:

- Mr. Georg Arens, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety of Germany
- Ms. Svetlana Stirbu, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova
- Mr. Branko Dervodel, Deputy Director, Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief, Slovenia
- Mr. Aléxandros Kiriazis, Directorate General Environment of the European

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Irina Zastenskaya, World Health Organization (WHO)• Mr. Olivier Salvi, Secretary General of the European Technology Platform on Industrial Safety.
	Session IV will include taking questions from the floor.
17.45–18.00	Wrap-up of the seminar by Ms. Torill Tandberg, Director of Department for Industry Products and Hazardous Substances, Directorate for Civil Protection, Norway, and Chair of the OECD Working Group on Chemical Accidents
	and resumption of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
