



High-level awareness-raising meeting on the UNECE Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

Co-organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the State Emergency Service of Ukraine

Main Objectives:

- Inform the relevant authorities of Ukraine of UNECE's work in the field of environmental governance, industrial safety and the prevention of accidental water pollution
- Raise awareness of the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and its Assistance Programme, including benefits for Ukraine
- Explain the linkages and complementarities of the Convention with EU legislation
- Showcase some of the good practices of the Convention's implementation
- Raise awareness of the results of previous activities conducted in Ukraine, notably on hazard and crisis management in the Danube Delta and the safety of tailings management facilities
- Determine next steps for Ukraine towards enhancing its industrial safety, in view of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention and the relevant EU legislation

Date: 19 April 2018

Venue: Radisson Blu, 22 Yaroslaviv Val Street, Kyiv, Ukraine

The meeting is organized with the financial support of the Government of Germany

Agenda

19 April

10:00 – 10:15

Opening of the meeting

Mr. Mykola Chechotkin, Head of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine

Mr. Sergiusz Ludwiczak, Deputy Director, Environment Division, Chief, Transboundary Cooperation Section, UNECE

Session I: Introduction to UNECE and its Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

Chaired by Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention

10:15 – 10:30

UNECE's activities in support of Agenda 2030 on strengthening environmental governance and disaster risk reduction

Mr. Sergiusz Ludwiczak, Deputy Director, Environment Division, Chief, Transboundary Cooperation Section, UNECE

- 10:30 – 10:45** **The Industrial Accidents Convention: scope, benefits and main requirements**
Ms. Yelyzaveta Rubach, Environmental Affairs Officer, Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat, UNECE
- 10:45 – 11:00** **Importance of the Industrial Accidents Convention as key stepping stone in the approximation to EU law in multiple areas including the Seveso-III-Directive, the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and the Security Policies**
Mr. Aléxandros Kiriazis, Policy Officer, DG Environment, European Commission
- 11:00 – 11:30** **Q&A and discussion on UNECE activities, the Convention and its benefits and linkages with the relevant EU legislation**
- 11:30 – 12:00** **Coffee break**
- Session II: Implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention**
Chaired by Mr. Sergiusz Ludwiczak, Deputy Director, Environment Division, Chief, Transboundary Cooperation Section, UNECE
- 12:00 – 12:15** **Ukraine as a beneficiary of the Convention’s Assistance Programme: previous activities and progress towards the implementation of the Convention**
Mr. Yurii Nabyvanets, Deputy Director of Scientific Affairs, Ukrainian Hydro-meteorological Institute, the State Emergency Service of Ukraine
- 12:15 – 12:30** **Example of EU member State: implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention and the relevant EU legislation in Slovenia**
Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention
- 12:30 – 12:45** **Industrial safety and the prevention of accidental water pollution: Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents and activities on the safety of tailings management facilities in Ukraine**
Mr. Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei, Chair of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents
- 12:45 – 13:00** **Cooperation with neighbouring countries: enhancing hazard management in the Danube Delta and beyond**
Mr. Gavril Gilca, Head of Environmental Quality Monitoring Department of State Hydrometeorological Service, Ministry of Environment, Republic of Moldova
- 13:00 – 13:30** **Q&A and discussion on the implementation of the Convention and coordination between various national competent authorities**

responsible for industrial safety, chemicals management, natural resources protection and emergency situations

13:30 – 14:45

Lunch

Session III: Needs, opportunities and ways forward for Ukraine

Chaired by Mr. Yurii Nabyvanets, Deputy Director of Scientific Affairs, Ukrainian Hydro-meteorological Institute, the State Emergency Service of Ukraine

14:45 – 15:00

Needs of Ukraine to further enhance industrial safety and disaster risk governance

Mr. Oleksandr Yevdin, First Deputy Director of the Ukrainian Civil Protection Research Institute, the State Emergency Service of Ukraine

15:00 – 15:15

Assistance Programme under the Industrial Accidents Convention and opportunities to further support Ukraine

Ms. Yelyzaveta Rubach, Environmental Affairs Officer, Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat, UNECE

15:15 – 15:45

Coffee break

15:45 – 16:30

Ways forward for Ukraine

Roundtable discussion on future tasks, responsibilities and possible assistance

16:30 – 17:00

Wrap up and conclusions

Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention

18:00

Dinner

O'Panas restaurant, Tereshchenkivs'ka St, 10