

**UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of
Industrial Accidents**

OECD Working Group on Chemical Accidents



Joint UNECE/OECD Seminar
*Fostering implementation of the sustainable development
agenda for industrial accidents prevention, preparedness
and response*

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Industrial Accidents and the OECD Working Group on Chemical Accidents*

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Objectives

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.

More specifically, the seminar aims to:

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

Throughout the seminar, presentations and discussion will focus on a number of issues:

- How has and will the adoption of the SDGs and the Sendai Framework impact national policies, initiatives and programmes related to industrial accident prevention, preparedness and response?
- 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 and chemical accidents prevention, preparedness and response, most effectively support countries?
- What opportunities do the sustainable development and disaster risk reduction commitments present to UNECE and OECD? How can these opportunities be used to ensure that industrial safety remains high on policymakers' agendas to 2030?
- How can UNECE and OECD cooperate most effectively with other parts of the chemicals or environmental management field in order to gain more visibility for chemical accidents prevention and enhanced implementation efforts?

Conclusions from the seminar will help to:

- Highlight the relevance of the work of the OECD and UNECE for meeting the global goals
- Ensure that the global commitments are most effectively reflected in the programmes of work of both the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention and the OECD Working Group on Chemical Accidents
- Identify opportunities arising from the global commitments for strengthening visibility and implementation efforts for industrial accidents prevention, preparedness and response.

Session I:

Setting the scene: Linking industrial accidents with the SDGs and Sendai Framework

The session will present ongoing efforts for addressing industrial accidents prevention, preparedness and response and their linkages with the Sustainable Development Goals and the Sendai Disaster Risk Reduction commitments.

Session II:

Integrating global goals into national policies, initiatives and programmes for industrial accidents prevention, preparedness and response

This session will aim to exchange views and experiences on:

- The way the global goals might impact national frameworks for chemical accidents prevention, preparedness and response
- The type of support that would be needed by countries to facilitate the implementation of these goals.

Session III:

Needs and opportunities related to the implementation of the development agenda to 2030

A panel discussion with panellists from member States and involving partner organizations will discuss countries' needs and opportunities related to the implementation of the development agenda to 2030 in the area of industrial accident prevention, preparedness and response.

