

Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

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- Basis for drafting
- General need for extrabudgetary resources
- Expression of pledges
- Lead countries and organizations
- Structure of workplan: core and non-core
- Areas of work
- Amount of extrabudgetary resources

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- **Drafted based on**
 - Long-term Strategy for the Convention
 - Assistance Programme's strategic approach
 - Current and previous periodic reports on implementation
 - Outcomes of events held and activities carried out
 - Proposals made by donors and beneficiaries
 - Priority needs identified by the Bureau
 - Suggestions made by the secretariat and supported by the Bureau.

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- Implementation requires extrabudgetary resources
- Parties, other UNECE member States and other stakeholders invited to support by
 - contributing to the Convention's trust fund
 - financing activities directly
 - making available in-kind contributions.

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- Pledges

- In accordance with the sustainable financial mechanism
- Prior to the adoption of the biennial workplan
- Parties are expected to pledge and indicate the level of their annual voluntary financial and in-kind contributions and to take an active part in ensuring additional contributions.



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- Lead countries
 - Parties invited to take lead in supporting specific activities substantively
 - In draft workplan, some potential lead parties identified in square brackets
 - Final workplan to contain names of leading and supporting countries
 - **If no lead, countries and organization can approach Bureau?**

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- Workplan divided in two parts
 - Core activities, essential for the functioning of the Convention
 - Non-core activities.



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- Core activities

- **Convening and preparing meetings** of Parties, including servicing meetings of Bureau and subsidiary bodies and substantive input to meetings
- **Preparation of documents and other deliverables**, also including facilitation of participation (travel and subsistence)
- **Information, liaison and communication**, including with Parties, member States, other UNECE multilateral environmental agreements and committees and relevant international organizations
- **Facilitation of implementation** through, for example, development of implementation guidance, coordination, partnerships and sharing of good practice
- **General programme management**, including with regard to human resources and financial issues, and related reporting to member States within the United Nations framework.

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- **Non-core activities**

- Capacity development on the ground and technical assistance, including within the Assistance Programme
- Reporting to donors providing funding for assistance activities
- Supporting the UNECE Industrial Accidents Notification system
- Awareness-raising in and outreach beyond UNECE region
- Other functions determined by Parties.

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- Core activities, including activities to implement the Long-term Strategy for the Convention (other than assistance activities)
 - Involvement of Parties and other stakeholders
 - Exchange of information ...
 - Strategic partnerships ...
 - Financing
 - Review of the Long-term Strategy ...
 - Servicing intergovernmental bodies and expert groups
 - General programme management

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- Exchange of information

- Exchange of experience and good practices among Parties, for example, regarding risk assessment methodologies – lead country? back-to-back next COP?
- Implementation guide for the Convention – lead country?
- Online system for national implementation reporting – financing?
- Follow-up to the development of guidance on safety and land-use planning: finalization of publication and a seminar for exchanging experiences, possibly based on case studies – lead country? scope?
- Development of safety guidelines and good practices for fire-water retention – German leadership and funds (largely)
- Enhancing knowledge on industrial safety at universities – German leadership and funds
- Multilateral activities to strengthen preparedness and response, including a bilateral exercise between Armenia and Georgia – lead?
- 2 transboundary response exercises – led by Germany and Hungary

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- Review of the Long-term Strategy

- Development of a long-term strategy to 2030, including on reaching out to countries outside the UNECE region – mandate for Bureau?



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- Non-core activities, including assistance activities to support countries in the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern and South-Eastern Europe
 - Assistance Programme
 - Other assistance activities
 - Awareness-raising in and outreach to other regions
 - UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System

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- Assistance Programme

- Activities to support the implementation of the Strategic Approach (to be determined) – demand driven; involvement of Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)
- Project on strengthening implementation of and accession to the Convention in Central Asia – being funded by the Russian Federation; possible support from others for national expert meetings?
- Follow-up to Danube Delta project to complete joint contingency plan and support the drafting of a protocol – Lead/supporting countries?
- Two advisory missions
- Activity to build capacity for implementation of amended annex I in South-Eastern Europe – Lead/supporting countries: Serbia, TAIEX financial support, in cooperation with REC; drop mention of OPCW
- Activity to build capacity for implementation of amended annex I in Eastern Europe & Caucasus – Lead/supporting countries: Belarus? financial support from Germany & Norway; drop mention of OPCW

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- Other assistance activities
 - Activities to address risk management at tailings management facilities in Georgia – led and funded by Germany
 - Activities to address risk management at tailings management facilities in specific countries in the Caucasus, Central Asia or Eastern Europe – possible projects being considered by donors



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- Awareness-raising in and outreach to other regions
 - Promotion and raising awareness of the Convention including beyond UNECE region (production of information materials and establishment of a network of contacts) – very limited; remove UNEP as absent?



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- UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System
 - Consultation for Points of Contact – lead country? funds for face-to-face meeting?



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• Draft decisions

- Request Parties, and invite other UNECE member States, to participate actively in the implementation of the workplan for 2017–2018, including through taking the lead in specific projects and activities contained in the workplan
- Welcome the contributions to the budget pledged at the meeting by Parties and strategic partners to the Convention, and at the same time urge other Parties and UNECE member States to provide voluntary financial and in-kind contributions to the budget of the Convention, including for ensuring adequate human resources in the secretariat
- Mandate the Bureau, with the support of the secretariat, to monitor the implementation of the workplan for 2017–2018, including raising the remaining funds necessary for its full implementation
- Further mandate the Bureau and the Working Group on Implementation, with the support of the secretariat, to raise additional funds, in particular for the activities under the Assistance Programme

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- Request Parties to make every effort to provide financial contributions in accordance with their economic strengths, in line with the sustainable financial mechanism, in order to share the burden of financing the implementation of the programme of work equally
- Request the secretariat to manage voluntary financial contributions and, at the next meeting, to report on the use of resources
- Request the Bureau to draw up, with the support of the secretariat, a workplan and budget for 2019–2020 for adoption at the next meeting

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- *To ensure that the necessary regular budget resources are made available,* request the secretariat to service and to provide the necessary meeting rooms, equipment, interpretation in the three official languages of UNECE, official documents and other resources for the holding of meetings and other events as listed in the adopted workplan.
- Specifically, the official documents to be prepared, edited and translated in the three official languages of UNECE include the agendas and reports of the Conference of the Parties and, should it meet, the Working Group on Development.
- In addition, approximately 15–20 other official documents in the three official languages of UNECE should be foreseen in the biennium, in accordance with the decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties.
- The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties is expected to be held over three days, with other meetings of bodies lasting between one and two days. Further, a regional workshop may be held in Geneva

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