

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

On the project

ASSISTANCE TO RAISING KNOWLEDGE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AT UNIVERSITIES

26 March, 2013

“Eco Peace” NGO, Yerevan, Armenia

starting at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 26 March 2013

INFORMATION NOTICE

I. Background

Like many countries in Central and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, in Armenia there is obsolete industrial equipment. At the same time, new industrial activities are evolving that comply with, and should be checked against, western safety criteria. Industrial enterprises having high potential risk should, in particular, conform to such safety criteria.

The project on “Assistance to raising knowledge on industrial safety at universities” started in Armenia in 2012 at the initiative of “Eco Peace” scientific, ecological NGO.

This project is supported by the Advisory Assistance Program for Environmental Protection in the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. This project is funded by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany and is technically supervised by the Federal Environment Agency of Germany (UBA).

The project goal is to support an increase in the level of industrial safety in Armenia and to raise the level of public awareness in the sector with the involvement of students of technical higher-education institutions, while at the same time promoting the improvement of the knowledge of the specialists (lecturers), students and the staff of industrial enterprises and providing the adjustment to local conditions of European experience in the sector and its application in the country.

In Armenia project implementation has received support from the Republic of Armenia (RA) Ministry of Nature Protection, RA Ministry of Emergency Situations, as well as State Engineering University of Armenia and Yerevan State University of Architecture and Construction, on their selection as model institutions of the project.

Project implementation is improving the sustainability of engineering-technical education and, at the same time, improving the knowledge of local experts in this field.

The final workshop of the project is a good opportunity to take stock of the project’s achievements. This note provides information on the objectives, organization of work and logistics of the workshop.

II. Objectives and organization of work

The objectives for the workshop will be to reflect on the work carried out and progress achieved in the area of knowledge on industrial safety and prevention of industrial accidents.

The implementation of the project has been agreed with the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents. In this context, during the workshop the project outcomes will be discussed with the representatives of UNECE aimed at exchange of experience outside Armenia.

The workshop will allow the representatives of countries in Central and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, to analyze and discuss the problems existing in the area, their priorities and the opportunities for future activities.

The workshop is addressed to all those who are supported or involved in the process of implementing the project or – in the case of countries outside Armenia – are interested in benefitting from the lessons learned during the implementation of the project, as well as governmental representatives, local authorities and representatives of academia, research institutes, industrial enterprises, international and non-governmental organizations and the private sector.

A provisional program will be issued in February 2013.

III. Practical information

The registration desk will be open from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the morning of 26 March 2013. The workshop will start at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 26 March. The working languages will be English and Russian.

Eligible participants from countries in Central and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia may apply for financial support to facilitate their participation in the workshop. Eligible participants should be active in technical higher education. “Eco Peace” NGO will cover travel and accommodation costs of 10 participants from these countries.

The further information on the venue, as well as on transport and accommodation in Yerevan, will be issued in February 2013.

The registration form will be made available on the following website in due course: www.unece.org/env/teia/mtgs/Yerevan2013

The registration form should be submitted directly to “Eco Peace” NGO (Mrs. Kristine Sahakyan, E-mail: eco-peace@rambler.ru) with copy to Federal Environment Agency of Germany (Mr. Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei, E-mail: Gerhard.Winkelmann-Oei@uba.de) as soon as possible, but **not later, than 28 February, 2013**.

No application will be accepted after this deadline.

Participants requiring entry visas are requested to initiate visa procedures at least 3 weeks before the meeting. “Eco Peace” NGO will provide an official invitation when needed.

Focal points are requested to disseminate information on the workshop and to facilitate nomination of relevant experts from their respective countries.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Yerevan on March 26, hoping that the meeting will pass in a warm and constructive atmosphere and will establish stable prerequisites for dissemination and application of the project outcomes beyond the boundaries of Armenia and for bringing new ideas to life.

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