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Side Event

in the framework of the

Meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel,
Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

UNECE tools and good practices for preventing industrial accidents and their transboundary consequences

Tuesday, 12 May 2015

18:15-19:45

Geneva International Conference Centre, Room 15

organized by

the **Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia,**

in cooperation with the **Secretariat to the Convention on the
Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents of the
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)**



Objectives

- To present the tools and practical guidance materials developed under the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents
- To offer an opportunity for the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions as well as other relevant stakeholders to familiarize themselves with the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents
- To raise awareness of the potential transboundary implications of industrial accidents and ways to prevent them
- To showcase specific activities in Serbia, Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Belarus that Parties and beneficiary countries to the Convention's Assistance Programme undertake
- To support Parties and beneficiary countries to the Convention's Assistance Programme to implement the provisions of the Convention

Scope

The side event will highlight the key obligations of the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents. Specific case studies will highlight tools and guidance materials developed to support Parties in the prevention of industrial accidents with transboundary consequences, emergency preparedness and response. Linkages with the UNEP Chemicals Conventions, specifically the Basel Convention, will be addressed. As such, the side event shall provide a forum for representatives of the Parties of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions as well as the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and other stakeholders to exchange information and interact.

Organizational remarks

The side event is held in the framework of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-12), the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (RC COP-7) and the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (SC COP-7). It will take place on **12 May 2015 from 18:15 to 19:45 pm** in the **Geneva International Conference Centre (Room 15)**. It is organized by the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of Slovenia, in cooperation with the Secretariat to the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents. Sandwiches will be offered before the start of the side event, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Slovenia to the United Nations.

Registration

Each participant should register for the side event by **5 May 2015**, by sending an email to Ms. Jasmina Karba (jasmina.karba@gov.si). Please be informed that the number of seats is limited and therefore reservation is strongly recommended for participants who are not attending the Meeting of the Conferences of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.

SIDE EVENT PROGRAMME

Opening

*Opening of the side event by Ms. Jasmina Karba
(Chair of the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, Slovenia)*

UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents – provisions, tools and good practices

(Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the Convention, Secretary of the Slovenian Environment Agency, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia)

Q&A

Improving the safety of industrial installations in Serbia based on the UNECE Sectoral Checklist for the Preparation and Inspection of a Safety Report

(Ms. Suzana Milutinovic, Head of Department, Major Chemical Accident Protection, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Serbia)

Q&A

Improving the safety of industrial tailings management facilities based on the example of Ukraine facilities

(Mr. John Vijgen, Director of the International HCH & Pesticides Association, Denmark)

Q&A

Preventing accidental water pollution in the Danube Delta based on the UNECE Checklist for Contingency Planning for Accidents affecting Transboundary Waters

(Ms. Svetlana Stirbu, Prime Vice Director of State Hydrometeorological Service, Quality Monitoring Department, State Hydrometeorological Service of the Ministry of Environment, Republic of Moldova)

Q&A

Preventing industrial accidents arising from pipelines in Belarus based on the UNECE Safety Guidelines and Good Practices for Pipelines

(Mr. Evgeny Baranovsky, Principal specialist of the ICD, Prevention and Elimination of Man-Made and Natural Emergency Situations, Ministry for Emergency Situations, Belarus)

Q&A

General discussion and conclusions