

Preventing another Sandoz, Baia Mare or Beirut accident: Perspectives on risk management in the context of the Sendai Framework

Focused thematic discussion on chemical and industrial accidents in the framework of the UNDRR European Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR)

24 November 2021, 10.00 – 12.00 CET, Matosinhos, Portugal and online

Draft agenda

10.00 – 10.15 Opening

Moderation by Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE and Ricardo Mena, Director, UNDRR.

- Welcome by the moderators *Dmitry Mariyasin and Ricardo Mena*
- Elisabeth Sørbøe Aarsæther, Director-General of the Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection (DSB), *Norway*
- Bojan Dejak, Director-General, Water and Investment Directorate, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, *Republic of Slovenia*

10.15 – 10.35 Session 1: Chemical and industrial disaster risk – a scene setter

Moderation by Ricardo Mena, Director, UNDRR.

- Overview of chemical and industrial accidents, *Maureen Wood, EU Joint Research Centre and member of the Bureau of the OECD Working Party on Chemical Accidents*
- Governance frameworks and their implementation, understanding prevention in the context of chemical/industrial risk management, *Franziska Hirsch, secretary to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention*
- Q&A

10.35 – 11.10 Session 2: Revisiting the Sendai priorities¹ using a chemical disasters' risks lens

Moderation by Ricardo Mena, Director, UNDRR.

- Moderated panel discussion

¹ (i) Understanding disaster risk; (ii) Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk; (iii) Investing in disaster reduction for resilience and; (iv) Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response, and to "Build Back Better" in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction.

- Understanding industrial and chemical disaster risk, *Jasmina Karba, Republic of Slovenia*
- Governance for industrial and chemical accident prevention, preparedness and response, *Rachel McCann, chair of the OECD Working Party on Chemical Accidents*
- Financing for industrial and chemical risk management (also including financing options), *Bartholomew Judd, EIB*
- Transboundary cooperation for prevention, preparedness and recovery *Svetlana Stirbu, ICS Danube Logistics SRL*
- Discussion with the audience

11.10 – 11.15

COFFEE BREAK

11.15 – 11.55

Session 3: Coherence between policies: industrial safety, disaster risk and sustainable development

Moderation by Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE.

Part 1: showcasing policy coherence (5 minutes per presentation)

- Natech, cascading effects, transboundary and cross-border issues, and governance responses *Elisabeth Krausmann, EU Joint Research Centre*
- Showcasing integrated national strategies on DRR and sustainable development - technical, industrial and chemical safety *Sergei Pastukhov, Head of the Science and Innovative Development Unit, Ministry for Emergency Situations Belarus (tbc)*
- Land-use planning for accident prevention and response *Martin Merkofer, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland*

Part 2: Interactive poll and discussion (10 minutes)

- Poll with online participation of the audience

Part 3: COVID 19 implications for industrial and chemical safety (5 minutes presentation and discussion)

- Presentation on what COVID has meant and will mean for chemical and industrial safety *Torill Tandberg (Norway), Chair of the Industrial Accidents Convention and member of the Bureau of the OECD Working Party on Chemical Accidents*
- Q&A

11.55 – 12.00

Closing remarks

Key messages for global discussion and key input to EFDRR and Global Platform on DRR by *Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE.*