Evaluation Summary

Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) to the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Geneva, 29 November-1 December 2022) and on the UNECE/OECD Seminar on effective management of Natech (Geneva, 29 November 2022)

The participants were requested to indicate their opinion of various aspects of the CoP and the UNECE/OECD Seminar on effective management of Natech in terms of preparations, conduct of the meetings, content, practical and general comments on the meetings. A total of 40 evaluation forms were submitted, including evaluation forms with the comments. A summary of feedback received is presented below.

1. Do you identify as...

2. Did you attend the UNECE/OECD Seminar on effective management of Natech on 29 November 2022?

3. How did you attend the seminar?
4. How would you rate organization and practical arrangements for the seminar?

5. How would you rate the overall satisfaction with the seminar?
6. The extent to which the seminar goals were achieved:

- Provide a forum to strengthen existing and build new partnerships, including with international organisations, industry representatives, experts, academia and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), through the exchange of experiences and good practices in.
- Agree on action to be taken by UNECE, OECD and other countries to strengthen Natech risk management.
- Provide a platform for Governments, industry and other relevant stakeholders to present in-depth case studies on the national and the transboundary implementation of Natech risk management, to be taken up in the OECD/United Nations guidance on Natech risk mana.
- Support countries in the implementation of legal and policy instruments on industrial safety, such as the Industrial Accidents Convention, the European Union Seveso - III Directive, the OECD Guiding Principles on Chemical Accidents Prevention, Preparedness.
- Take stock of good examples, latest developments and tools available to address Natech risks, such as the Joint Research Centre Natech risk management guidelines, the eNatech Database and the Rapid Natech Risk Assessment System for Natech risk analysis and.
- Follow up on the recommendations on transboundary Natech risk management established at the OECD/United Nations Natech workshop held in Potsdam, Germany in 2018.
- Raise awareness of the relevance of Natech risk management for industrial and chemical accident risk management, including its transboundary dimension.

7. Positive aspects, follow-up activities, comments and ideas for improvement of future meetings?

Overall, the participants of the UNECE/OECD Seminar on effective management of Natech (29 November 2022) were highly satisfied with the preparations, logistics, conduct and content of the seminar. In particular, participants found that all the goals of the seminar were achieved with no important aspects missing and well supported by the UNECE secretariat before and during the seminar. Participants mentioned that the seminar helped them to deepen their understanding of Natech risks and links with the UNECE Industrial Accident Convention. The seminar allowed participants to learn how natural hazards can lead to Natech risks and how to effectively manage them. When asked about the follow-up activities after this seminar, in relation to the strengthening of Natech risk management under the umbrella of the Convention, participants offered the following suggestions:

- Organize an external emergency plan development seminar, and meetings and consultations;
- Make efforts to help countries strengthen existing work and further prevent accidental water pollution, including addressing risks through effective policies and governance;
- Continue providing a platform for information exchange, good practices and international cooperation.

Additionally, the participants found the seminar to be very well organized. When asked about comments and ideas for improvement of future meetings, participants offered the following suggestions:

- Make the format of the seminar more interactive, covering different formats of the discussions (panel, round table, etc.);
- Provide a bigger room for the seminar and make available the presentations on the web site during the seminar;
- Provide more possibilities for online participants to connect to each other;
8. How did you attend the CoP-12?

- Remotely: 40%
- In-person: 60%

9. How would you rate the preparation for the CoP-12?

- Support provided by UNECE secretariat before the meeting: Highly satisfied: 80%
- Time schedule for the meeting and agenda items: Satisfied: 70%
- Meeting venue, location: No opinion: 60%
- Online registration (information provided, clarity of registration process, deadline, etc.): Highly satisfied: 90%
- Usefulness of practical information for the delegates: Satisfied: 80%
- Availability of formal or informal information and documents on the UNECE meeting webpage: Highly satisfied: 85%
- Availability of meeting documentation in English, French and Russian in due time before the seminar: Satisfied: 75%

10. How would you rate the conduct of the meeting?

- Support provided by the UNECE secretariat during the meeting: Highly satisfied: 80%
- Quality of interpretation during the meeting: Satisfied: 80%
- Level of participation by the delegates: Satisfied: 85%
- Duration of the meeting: No opinion: 70%
- Outcome of Decisions taken/Structure of the meeting: Satisfied: 75%
- Discussions: efficiency, quality, clarity, usefulness: Satisfied: 80%
- Presentations: relevance, quality, clarity, usefulness and length: Satisfied: 75%
- Meeting documents: quality, content, relevance and length: Satisfied: 80%
- Quality of the chairing of the meeting (facilitation, conclusions drawn, etc.): Satisfied: 80%
- Providing a forum for exchange of information with other participants and to establish contacts: Satisfied: 75%
- Knowledge obtained for your future work: Satisfied: 80%
- Relevance of subject to your area of expertise or work: Satisfied: 70%
11. How would you rate the organization and practical arrangements for the anniversary reception, hosted by Norway in the evening of 29 November 2022?

12. Comments and ideas for improvement of future meetings?

Overall, the participants of the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (29 November -1 December 2022) were highly satisfied or satisfied with the preparations, logistics, conduct and content of the Conference. In particular, participants found the Conference to be extremely well organized and appreciated the opportunity to participate remotely. In addition, the participants noted the efficient collaboration of the secretariat with the countries and Parties to the Convention and the national focal points. The participants rated the Conference as being well supported by the UNECE secretariat before and during the Conference, and were highly satisfied with the quality of the chairing of the meeting, decisions taken and structure of the meeting.

When asked about comments and ideas for improvement of future meetings, participants offered the following suggestions:

- Hold coffee breaks after several agenda items for the personal exchange among the participants;
- Organize a cultural programme;
- To make available presentations in the website of the Conference during the meeting.