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Inter-Agency Coordination Group for Industrial and Chemical Accidents

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Inter-Agency Coordination Group for Industrial and Chemical Accidents

- Informal open-ended network that brings together international organizations and institutions working on prevention of, preparedness for and response to industrial and chemical accidents
- Initiated in 2013 by UNECE in cooperation with the OECD
- The Inter-Agency Coordination Group aims to:
  - Strengthen international cooperation for improving the prevention of, preparedness for and response to chemical and industrial accidents
  - Facilitate understanding and coordination of the programmes of each agency by sharing and exchanging information
  - Carry a common message to the international community on the importance of the prevention, preparedness and response to chemical accidents as being among the key elements for the sound management of chemicals

Participating international organizations

- European Commission (incl. JRC - Joint Research Centre, DG ECHO - European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations)
- International Labour Organization (ILO)
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (incl. SAICM)
- Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Observers (EPSC, IMPEL)

Regular coordination meetings

- 1st Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting on Industrial Accidents hosted by the UNECE, in Geneva in April 2013
- 2nd Second Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting hosted by the WHO Regional Office for Europe in Bonn in May 2014
- 3rd Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting on Industrial Accidents hosted by OECD in Paris in May 2015
- 4th Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting hosted by the Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit in Geneva in April 2016
- 5th Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting hosted by the WHO Collaborating Centre in Cardiff, United Kingdom in May 2018

→Rotating Chairmanship across partner organizations on an annual basis

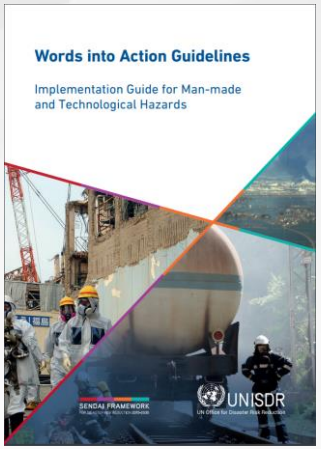
→Information sharing in between meetings

→Overview of ongoing and planned activities

Joint activities and products

- 2018, **Words into Action Guidelines** Implementation Guide for Man-made and Technological Hazards, launched at the COP-10 of the Industrial Accidents Convention
- 2017, **Inter-agency Brochure**: International efforts for industrial and chemical accidents prevention, preparedness and response
- 2015, **Side-event** in the framework of the 4th session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM4) organized by SAICM:

  From prevention to response and recovery: an integrated approach to chemical accidents management



Benefits of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group

- Information exchange on ongoing activities and developments
- Effective use of resources, avoiding potential duplication of work across the agencies
- Synergetic implementation of projects/activities
- Joint approach and coordination towards industrial accidents' prevention, preparedness and response
- Awareness raising of industrial accidents prevention and preparedness at the international level
- Supports the implementation of the 2030 Agenda (incl. its SDGs) and of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
Priorities for Action

Thank you for your attention!

Please feel free to get in touch for further information and discussion

https://www.unece.org/environmental-policy/conventions/industrial-accidents/activities/inter-agency-coordination.html

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