



# Activities of the Bureau in the biennium 2013–2014

Mr. Chris Dijkens, Chair of the Conference of  
the Parties to the Convention of the  
Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

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# Bureau members / meetings

## Officers of the Conference of the Parties

- Mr. Chris Dijkens (Netherlands) – Chair
- Mr. Gunnar Hem (Norway) – Vice-Chair
- Ms. Jasmina Karba (Slovenia) – Vice-Chair

## Further members of the Bureau

- Ms. Anahit Aleksandryan (Armenia)
- Mr. Pavel Forint (Czech Republic)
- Mr. Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei (Germany)
- Mr. Cristiano Piacente (Italy)
- Ms. Svetlana Stirbu (Republic of Moldova)
- Mr. Bernard Gay (Switzerland)
- Ms. Jill Michielssen (European Commission)  
– Replaced by Mr. Alexandros Kiriazis

## 3 solo Bureau meetings

- 11–12 June 2013 (Geneva, Switzerland)
- 16–17 June 2014 (The Hague, Netherlands)
- 2 December 2014 (Geneva, Switzerland)

## 2 joint meetings of the Bureau with the Working Group on Implementation

- 29–30 January 2013 (Geneva, Switzerland)
- 27–28 November 2013 (Bootle, UK)





# Activities to implement the Long-term Strategy

- A. Involvement of Parties and other stakeholders
- B. Exchange of information
- C. Assistance Programme
- D. Strategic partnerships
- E. Financing





# A. Involvement of Parties and other stakeholders

Objective: achieve comprehensive involvement of all Parties and other stakeholders

- Ensure participation of 11 Parties that did not attend COP-7 (2012) in COP-8 (2014)
- Reengagement of the Russian Federation
- Involvement of the CIS Interstate Council on Industrial Safety
- Participation in forums and other events of interest





## B. Exchange of information

Objective: consolidate and enhance the exchange of information

- Support for past, current and future projects on raising knowledge on industrial safety at universities (Armenia, Russian Federation...)
- Seminar on enhancing industrial safety in the ECE region (during COP-8)





# C. Assistance Programme

Objective: facilitate implementation/ratification of the Convention by AP countries

- Review of the benchmark document containing indicators and criteria
- Development of terms of reference for the preparation and implementation of AP projects
- Review of national self-assessments and action plans





# D. Strategic partnerships

Objective: enhance the Convention's relevance through strategic partnerships

- Participation of Bureau members in:
  - **Inter-agency coordination** meetings (Apr 2013, May 2014)
  - Informal meetings between the **Chairs of the 5 ECE MEAs and the CEP** (Oct 2013, Oct 2014)
- Monitoring/provision of advice to secretariat in implementing the workplan activities, such as on:
  - Development of a hazard rating guide **with the EU Joint Research Centre's Major Accident Hazards Bureau**
  - Online training course on industrial accidents **with UNEP / OCHA**
  - Project on Risk assessment of Industrial accidents and Enforcement of Cross-border Obligations (RIECO) **with WHO**





# E. Financing

Objective: ensure sustainable financing

- Monitoring of the financial situation and ensuring implementation of the **sustainable financial mechanism, adopted by COP-7 (2012)**
- Letters asking for financial and in-kind contributions sent to Parties in 2013 and 2014
- Small group on financing





# Other activities to implement the 2013-14 workplan

- Provision of advice to the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents
- Support to the Working Group on Development
  - Identification of a Chair (Mr. Piacente / Mr. Dijkens)
  - Establishment of 2 small groups and its TORs
- Preparation of Eighth Conference of the Parties





# Conclusions on progress made in the biennium 2013–14

- Enhanced visibility and awareness of the Convention
- Existing and new (strategic) partnerships strengthened  
=> implementing activities in a cooperative manner is cost-effective and avoids duplication of work
- Good start with implementing the sustainable financial mechanism and the work by small group on financing
- Promotion and use of good practices => Effective way to improve level of implementation of the Convention





# Remaining challenges for the biennium 2015–16 and beyond

- Increased efforts needed to **ensure sustainable financing** of the Convention's activities => small group on financing
- Need to further **identify synergies with strategic partners** to raise the level of industrial safety in the ECE region
- Further enhancement of the implementation of the Convention and its the Strategic Approach, in particular by beneficiary countries to the Assistance Programme
- Need for continued identification, application and **exchange of good practices / experiences** to raise the level of implementation of the Convention
- Need to further **increase the number of Parties**





Thank you for your attention!

