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Key Information

Where
The Hague, The Netherlands

When
11-12 November 2010

Who
Representatives from the public and private sectors from UNECE countries are invited to attend the seminar, including:

- Safety authorities;
- Land-use planners;
- Operators of major industrial facilities;
- Real estate developers and;
- Non-governmental organizations working in housing or industrial safety

Registration
More information about registering will be available soon through the seminar's information notice and the Industrial Accident Convention website or the Housing and Land Management website.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and the Committee on Housing and Land Management invite you to a seminar on balancing the sometimes conflicting needs of land-use planning and industrial safety.
Industrial facilities often need to be close to transport infrastructure and population centres for their daily operation, but to preserve safety they need to maintain an appropriate distance from housing, commercial or recreation developments.

"*Integrating the knowledge and experience of industrial safety experts and land-use planners is vital to create safer communities and a healthier, cleaner environment.*"
Marco Keiner, Director UNECE Environment, Housing and Land Management Division

As cities continue to grow, more land for housing, commercial or recreation developments is required, increasing the pressure to build new developments closer to existing industrial facilities and making it difficult to find appropriate locations for new facilities. Balancing the needs of industrial safety and new real estate developments for sustainable communities is complex and finding solutions requires an integrated approach.

"*To maintain a safe and clean environment and ensure economic growth requires national authorities and the private sector to understand each other and work side by side.*"
Mr. Chris Dijkens, Chairperson, Industrial Accidents Convention

"*Sustainable urban planning that takes into account industrial safety is crucial for spatial quality.*"
Wolfgang Förster, Chairperson, UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management

This seminar brings together the skills and experiences of all the relevant stakeholders, representing a diverse range of organizations including public safety and planning authorities, operators of industrial facilities, real estate developers and non-governmental organizations.
The seminar will address these complex issues from different perspectives and look for a common approach to finding solutions.
More information about the seminar programme or to register for the seminar will be available soon through the seminar's information notice and the Industrial Accident Convention's website or the Housing and Land Management's website.
Contact us at: teia.conv@unece.org or housing.landmanagement@unece.org to request more information or to express your interest in participating in the seminar.

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