

Support to Georgia for the ratification of the UN ECE Convention on the
Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents
High – level awareness raising meeting
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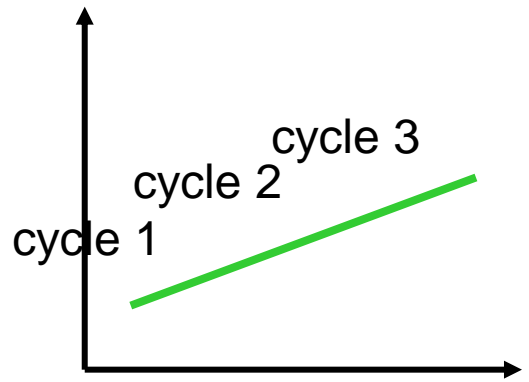
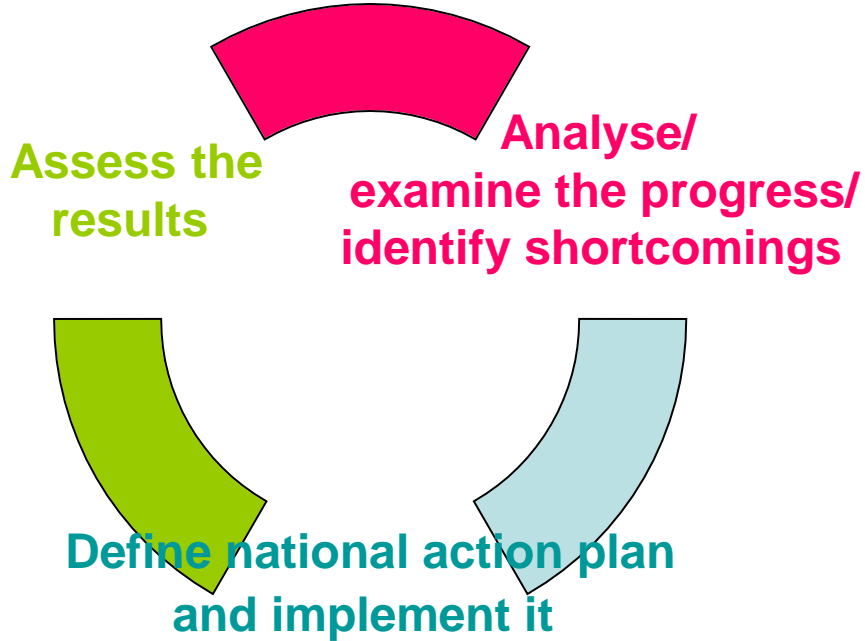
**Tools that support
the realisation of Convention's Assistance Programme**

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- The Convention - one of UN ECE Multilateral Environmental Agreements
- For countries to effectively addresses hazards of industrial accidents, to introduce measures for the prevention of such accidents and for the limitation of their consequences should they occur
- Countries face diverse challenges

- Assistance programme
- Instruments and tools: Strategic Approach, Indicators and criteria to support assessing stage of progress, identifying shortcomings and planning activities/actions to further progress in systematic and transparent way

Strategic Approach = stepwise and cyclic mechanism for goal – oriented participation of countries in the Assistance Programme



Why implementing Strategic Approach?

- it is transparent and systematic support for progressing in the implementation of the convention
- supports an image of a country that has a vision, a strategy and potential for progress
- supports pro-active performance of a country
- supports an image of a country that is aware of its stage of progress, needs and priorities and plans its future activities accordingly
- provides results that could serve as a base to apply for assistance under other assistance programmes too
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- it has been adopted by COP

Indicators and Criteria support the cyclic mechanism of Strategic Approach



Indicators for working area 1: identification of hazardous activities

- first: Mechanism for the collection of data
- second: Mechanism for the analysis and validation of data
- third: Mechanism for the review/revision of data

Indicators for working area 2: notification of hazardous activities

- first: Mechanism for the transboundary consultation on hazardous activities
- second: Mechanism for the notification of hazardous activities

Indicators for working area 3: prevention

- first: Mechanism giving the responsibility for industrial safety to hazardous activity operators
- second: Mechanism introducing the control regime of the Competent Authorities

Indicators for working area 4: preparedness

- first: Mechanism giving the responsibility for emergency preparedness to hazardous activity operators
- second: Mechanism giving the responsibility for emergency preparedness to the Competent Authorities
- third: Mechanism ensuring transboundary compatible emergency plans

Indicators for working area 5: response and mutual assistance

- first: Mechanism giving the responsibility to competent authority to promptly recognise industrial accidents or an immediate threat thereof
- second: Mechanism to ensure the use of IAN system
- third: mechanism to ensure the use of notification mechanisms at the national level
- fourth: mechanism giving responsibility to competent authority to request and to provide assistance

Indicators for working area 6: information to the public and public participation

- first: Mechanism to inform the public
- second: Mechanism to ensure opportunities for public participation in relevant procedures whenever possible and appropriate

For each working area – set of indicators and criteria

<i>Indicators / Criteria</i>	First Indicator	Second Indicator	Third Indicator
Progress stage 1	<i>Little awareness</i>	<i>Little awareness</i>	<i>Little awareness</i>	...
Progress stage 2	<i>Initial discussions</i>	<i>Initial discussions</i>	<i>Initial discussions</i>	...
Progress stage 3	<i>Decision taken</i>	<i>Decision taken</i>	<i>Decision taken</i>	...
Progress stage 4	<i>Intensive and detailed discussions</i>	<i>Intensive and detailed discussions</i>	<i>Intensive and detailed discussions</i>	...
Progress stage 5	<i>Mechanism adopted</i>	<i>Mechanism adopted</i>	<i>Mechanism adopted</i>	...
Progress stage 6	<i>Mechanism operational and implemented in practice</i>	<i>Mechanism operational and implemented in practice</i>	<i>Mechanism operational and implemented in practice</i>	...

How will a country benefit from the self-evaluation of stage of progress with the use of indicators and criteria?

- needs and priorities are identified based on thorough analysis of the situation in the country from the policy, legislative, implementing point of view separately for specific topics of convention
- harmonised approach for the analysis of progress stage
- assistance activities based on needs and priorities
- better negotiation position
- rational use of resources

Experts meeting – support to Georgia for the self-evaluation of stage of progress and planning of future activities

- raising awareness of Georgian experts
- discussing state of the play
- identifying stage of progress
- identifying activities to progress further

Goals:

- report on self-assessment reviewed, revised, updated
- draft Action Plan prepared