

**UNECE CONVENTION ON THE TRANSBOUNDARY
EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS**

**UNECE CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION AND USE
OF THE TRANSBOUNDARY WATERCOURSES AND
INTERNATIONAL LAKES**

**SEMINAR ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SANDOZ ACCIDENT**

8 and 9 November 2011

Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety,
Robert-Schuman-Platz 3, 53175 Bonn, Germany
starting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 8 November 2011

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

8 November 2011	
9.00 - 9.30	<p>Welcoming statements</p> <p>Ms. Heide Jekel, Chair of the seminar, Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany</p> <p>Mr. Jochen Flasbarth, President, Federal Environment Agency, Germany</p> <p>Mr. Sergiusz Ludwiczak, Chief of the Transboundary Cooperation section, UNECE secretariat</p>
9.30 - 10.00	<p>Setting the scene</p> <p>Mr. Hans-Peter Luehr, HPL-Environment-Consult Ltd., Berlin, Germany</p>
10.00 - 13.00	<p>Session 1: Progress achieved and existing deficits in protecting the international watercourses from pollution by chemical substances</p> <p>Rhein River Basin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activities of the ICPR after the Sandoz accident, <i>Mr. Ben van de Wetering, Secretary of the ICPR, Germany</i> - Case study of the tanker accident near Loreley Rock in January 2011, <i>Mr. Martin Mauermann, Head of the shipping authority in Bingen, Germany</i> - Could “Sandoz accident” happen again in Germany, <i>Mr. Wolfram Willand, Regional Council Freiburg, Germany</i>

	<p>Danube River Basin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experience in the accident prevention and control with the focus on the lessons learned from the major past accidents in the Danube River Basin, <i>Ms. Mihaela Popovici and Mr. Igor Liska, ICPDR</i> <p>Chu Talas River Basin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experience of the Chu Talas Commission, <i>Mr. Ilyas Kazykeev, Head of the Taravodhoz, Kazakhstan</i>
11.15 - 11.45	Coffee-break
11.45 - 13.00	<p>Amur River Basin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation on the progress achieved and existing deficits, <i>Mr. Alexander Moskalenko GCE Group</i> <p>The view of the progress achieved and existing deficits in protecting the international watercourses from pollution by chemical substances from the industry perspective, <i>Mr. Gerhard Zimmer, Cefic European Chemical Industry Council</i></p> <p>The view of the progress achieved and existing deficits in protecting the international watercourses from pollution by chemical substances from the NGO perspective in Georgia, <i>Ms. Nino Shavgulidze, Caucasian Environmental NGO Network (CENN)</i></p>
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch
14.30 - 16.30	<p>Session 2: Possible ways forward for addressing the existing deficiencies/challenges in protecting the international watercourses from pollution by chemical substances</p> <p>Overview of the deficiencies/challenges identified in the presentations of the session I – presentation and discussion.</p> <p><i>The discussion should focus on identifying up to 8 main deficiencies/challenges that will be taken up during the two panel discussions (30 min)</i></p> <p>Panel 1: Challenges in the Western European countries Moderator: Mr. Sergiusz Ludwiczak, Chief of the Transboundary Cooperation Section, UNECE secretariat</p>
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee-break
16.30 – 17.30	<p>Session 2 (continuation)</p> <p>Panel 2: Challenges in the Eastern European countries Moderator: Mr. Massimo Cozzone, Ministry of the Environment Land and Sea, Italy</p>
17.30 - 18.00	<p>Presentation on the risk management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipating harm: How to cope with risks and uncertainty in a complex world, <i>Mr. Ortwin Renn, University of Stuttgart, Germany</i>

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9.00 - 9.15	<p>Opening of the second day</p> <p>Ms. Heide Jekel, Chair of the seminar, Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany</p>
9.15 - 9.30	<p>Summary and conclusions of the Session 2</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Mr. Peter Diehl and Mr. Pavel Danihelka</p> <p><i>The rapporteurs will report on the conclusions and recommendations from the panel discussions. These recommendations will be further discussed during the Summary and Conclusions session of the seminar.</i></p>
9.30 - 10.45	<p>Thematic presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threshold: criteria and philosophy for setting the thresholds value for water pollution <i>Mr. Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei, Federal Agency for Environment, Germany</i> • Flow time model: presentation on the ALAMO float time model used at the Elbe River <i>Mr. Stephan Mai, German Federal Institute of Hydrology, Koblenz, Germany</i> • Early warning systems: on-line monitoring and alert systems <i>Mr. Peter Stoks, Director of Dutch Rhine Water Works (RIWA), the Netherlands</i> • Differences in the Eastern and Western approach to the risk management <i>Mr. Alexei Isakov, GCE group</i>
10.45 - 11.15 Coffee-break	
11.15 - 11.45	<p>Presentation on the activity of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents</p> <p>Outline and issues identified by the Joint Expert Group for the methodology for contingency planning and crisis management in the context of transboundary waters <i>Mr. Francisc Senzaconi and Mr. Peter Kovacs, Co-chairs of the Joint Expert Group</i></p>
11.45 - 12.30	<p>Summary and conclusions</p> <p>Ms. Heide Jekel, Chair of the seminar, Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany</p>
12.30	<p>Closing remarks and closure of the seminar</p>