

Global Webinar Series

Environment and Emergencies in the face of COVID-19

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Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic has only been the latest, very powerful wake-up call on the links between environment and emergencies. Disasters, crises and the environment are intrinsically interconnected. Therefore, a key element of emergency response is the rapid identification and mitigation of environmental risks. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) have been partners for the past 25 years, supporting countries in strengthening their capacities to respond to the environmental dimensions of disasters and complex emergencies.

Join us for a series of webinars on readiness for and response to the environmental dimensions of emergencies, with a special focus on managing these challenges in the face of COVID-19.

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What you need to know
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Agenda

- Moderator: Bertrand Dagallier
- Opening remarks: Franziska Hirsch
- Remembering Bhopal: George Joseph
- Industrial risk management during the COVID-19 pandemic: Maureen Wood
- Pandemic measures and chemical process safety: lessons learnt from COVID-19: Mark Hailwood



COVID-19
RESPONSE

Moderator



Bertrand Dagallier

Acting Principal Administrator, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Bertrand is in charge of the OECD programme on Chemical Accidents prevention, preparedness and response. He is also dealing with the OECD Harmonised Templates for chemical test reports, and Biosafety, Novel Food and Nanosafety activities. He holds a Master's Degree in Agronomy and has previously worked at FAO on seed and genetic resources projects, and for the French Seed Control & Certification.

Opening Remarks



Franziska Hirsch

Secretary of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Franziska is the Secretary of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents at UNECE, where over the years she has been working on industrial safety, air pollution abatement, water and health, forestry and related energy, climate change and biodiversity issues. Franziska holds a Master in European Politics and Administration from Belgium and a Master of Business Administration from the USA.

Speakers



George Joseph

Deputy Director, Disaster Management Institute, Bhopal, India

George is the Deputy Director of Disaster Management Institute in Bhopal, India. He has nearly 30 years of experience in varied fields of disaster management, human resource development, education and community development in India. George holds a PhD in Social Work from India.



Maureen Wood

Head, Major Accident Hazards Bureau, European Commission Joint Research Centre

Maureen oversees the Joint Research Centre's contribution of analysis and tools to support implementation of the Seveso Directive and to promote capacity building in chemical accident prevention and preparedness programmes globally. She has led the EU's technical programme to support sharing of experience and good practice among Seveso inspectors for over 20 years. Maureen holds a master's degree in Environmental and Land Use Planning from the USA.



Mark Hailwood

Scientific Employee, Baden-Württemberg State Institute for Environment

Mark has almost 30 years experience in the field of chemical accident prevention and preparedness in which he provides advice and training to state public authorities. He also has significant experience in investigating accidents and developing lessons learned from the investigation results. He holds a master's degree in European Health and Safety Law.