

A Flexible Framework for Addressing Chemical Accident Prevention and Preparedness

An Implementation Support Package

UNEP would like to hear from organisations and countries interested in using the *Flexible Framework Guidance* and the *Implementation Support Package* or partnering with UNEP to support projects at the country level.

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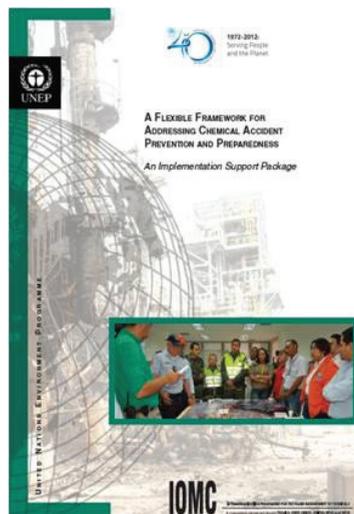
Context

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is leading an international initiative - *the Flexible Framework Initiative for Addressing Chemical Accident Prevention and Preparedness* - that supports any country that wishes to develop, improve, or review its programmes and policies related to prevention of, and preparedness for, industrial chemical accidents.

The Flexible Framework Initiative encompasses a series of activities:

- the development of guidance materials including the *Flexible Framework for Addressing Chemical Accident Prevention and Preparedness* ("*Flexible Framework Guidance*") and an *Implementation Support Package (ISP)* and its related web-portal;
- organisation of projects (called the CAPP Programme Projects) to support individual countries (called Implementing Countries) in their efforts to improve chemical accident prevention and preparedness using the *Flexible Framework Guidance*. These projects generally include identification of the country's situation with respect to chemical risks; definition of needs and priorities for improved management of chemical risks; and institutional capacity building through training.

For more information on the initiative, see: www.unep.org and www.eecentre.org



■ Why was the Implementation Support Package developed?

The *Implementation Support Package* was developed as a complement to the *Flexible Framework Guidance*, to facilitate the implementation of CAPP Programme Projects at the country level. Largely built on the experience acquired during the past CAPP Programme Projects, the ISP collects in one package general guidance as well as training materials and tools that can be adapted for use in connection with any in-country project. Thus, the ISP avoids the need to duplicate efforts for each CAPP Programme Project, while recognising the need to adapt each project to local circumstances.

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The ISP is designed to be used both by:

- implementing Countries to support the review of their current situation, understand the issues associated with chemical accident prevention and preparedness, learn how others have addressed these issues, and develop and implement a chemical accident prevention and preparedness programme that is appropriate to their situation; and
- organisations (in addition to UNEP) and experts that are involved in supporting the countries to improve their chemical accident prevention and preparedness programme, making it easier for any organisation to support a country in an effective and cost efficient way.

By providing a peer-reviewed set of materials, the ISP should help ensure that the organisers of capacity building activities have access to materials that have proven to be useful and reflect good practice, and that are appropriate in the context of the *Flexible Framework Guidance*.

■ *What does the Implementation Support Package provide?*

The Implementation Support Package provides:

- an overview of a CAPP Programme Project, including expected activities and outputs;
- guidance for countries seeking to develop or improve chemical accident prevention and preparedness activities. This includes, for example, guidance to assist countries in understanding their existing situation in terms of local risks and hazards, the legal context and resources; identifying priorities for improving chemical accident prevention and preparedness and planning for next steps;
- guidance for external organisations and individuals who are providing support to an Implementing Country;
- suggested agendas for the capacity building activities; and
- information and guidance for promoting the ISP and for engaging additional countries and organisations in providing support – financial, technical, logistical – to an Implementing Country.

A web-portal is set up to collect training materials and case studies to support CAPP Programme Projects. This includes, among others, suggested training agendas, Power-Point presentations used in country-level projects, accompanying speaking notes, interactive exercises, and videos. New materials will be made available online as they are developed based on the knowledge and experience acquired from the future Projects.

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