



WSSD Global Partnership for Capacity Building to Implement the GHS

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GHS Implementation: Contributing to National Chemical Safety and Sustainable Development

A Forum V Side Event

Wednesday, 27 September 2006, 13:15-14:45

(lunch provided, room to be announced)

Forum V participants are invited to join government and stakeholder representatives to learn about and discuss global and national implementation of the GHS and related needs for capacity building in government, business and industry and public interest and labour organizations.

What is the GHS?

The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) is a new international standard for classifying and communicating the hazards of dangerous chemicals through labels and safety data sheets. It has the potential to serve as the foundation for national chemicals management schemes. The benefits of implementing the GHS range from protecting workers and the public, to facilitating trade in chemicals. Effective implementation of the GHS is also likely to make an important contribution to the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development objectives.

Programme

Budapest Congress & World Trade Center

room to be announced

Welcome: Mr. Rob Visser, OECD
Mr. Pavan Baichoo, ILO

Panel Discussion

Moderator: Mr. Jonathan Krueger, UNITAR

- Mr. Roque Puiatti, Government of Brazil
- Mr. Wolfgang Hehn, European Commission
- Mr. John P. Shoaff, US Government
- Mr. Arturo Barrit, Associated Labour Unions -Trade Union Congress of the Philippines
- Mr. Rainer Koch, ICCA

Concluding Remarks: Mr. Georg Karlaganis, Government of Switzerland

This side event is organised by UNITAR/ILO/OECD in the context of the WSSD Global Partnership for Capacity Building to Implement the GHS. A light lunch will be provided. The main working language of the meeting will be English, but participants may intervene and ask questions in other languages. The event does not require formal registration.

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