



## Regional Workshop on Chemical Hazard Communication and GHS Implementation for Arab Countries

### Agenda and Timetable

Bibliotheca Alexandrina

Alexandria, Egypt

30 October – 2 November 2006

**Monday, 30 October 2006**

**10:00 – 11:00**  
**Opening Session**

**Delegation Hall OR BACC**

Moderator: Dr. Tarek Eid      Egypt

Welcome remarks by:

- UNITAR, Mr. Burkhard Wagner
- Arab League , Dr. Fatma El Malah
- Dr. Salah Soliman
- H.E. Adel Labib, Governor of Alexandria
- H.E. Maged George , Ministry of Environment Affairs
- Break      10 Min.
- DVD presentation about Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Past, Present & Future

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break**

**11:30 - 13.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Hall , BACC**

**Session 1: Introductory Presentations**

Moderator: Dr. Tarek Eid      Egypt

*Session 1 provides a series of introductory presentations to familiarize participants with the GHS, its role in national chemicals management, and the methodology to facilitate development of National and Regional GHS Implementation Strategies.*

- Introduction to Session
- The GHS: Overview Presentation  
*Mr. Burkhard Wagner, Senior Special Fellow, UNITAR*

- Overview of UNITAR/ILO GHS Capacity Building Programme  
*Ms. Cheryl Chang, UNITAR*
- Discussion
- Summary of Session

**13:00-14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:30** **2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Hall , BACC**  
**Session 2: Status of GHS Implementation in Arab Countries**

Moderator: Dr. Tarek Eid      Egypt

*Session 2 provides an opportunity for countries to present and discuss existing national chemical hazard classification and communication systems, and the status of GHS implementation at the national level, including achievements made to date, challenges encountered, and identified needs for capacity building and technical support.*

- Introduction to Session
- Country statements/presentations (5-7 minutes per country)

**15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:00 – 18:00**

- Discussion
- Summary of Session 2 and Close of Day1

**Tuesday, 31 October 2006**

**09:00 – 11:00** **2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Hall , BACC**  
**Session 3: The Role of Business and Industry and Public Interest and Labour**  
**Organisations in GHS Implementation**

Moderator: Mr. Emad Nahal – Lebanon.

*Session 3 provides an opportunity for representatives of business and industry, and public interest and labour organisations to present the role, perspectives and relevant activities of their respective groups to facilitate GHS implementation.*

- Introduction to Session
- Perspective of Industry
- Perspective of Labour
- Perspective of Public Interest
- Discussion
- Summary of Session 3

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break**

**11.30 – 13:00**  
**Session 4: Development of National GHS Implementation Strategies in Arab Countries**  
**(Working Groups)**

Moderator: Dr. Saad Hassan - Egypt

*Session 4 provides an opportunity for government, business and industry and public interest and labour participants to discuss GHS implementation issues and challenges from their particular perspectives. This may include consideration of existing capacities, gaps, and necessary action to ensure an effective contribution of all actors to national GHS implementation.*

Introduction to Session and Introduction to Working Groups

- Working Group (1) **2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Hall , BACC**
- Working Group (2) **3<sup>rd</sup> Floating Room , Main Building**

**13:00-14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:30**

Working Groups Presentations Plenary and Discussion

**15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break**

**16:00: 18:00**

Moderator: Mr. Hassan Mubarak - Bahrain

**Plenary session**

Summary of Session 4 and Close of Day 2

**Wednesday, 1 November 2006**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Hall , BACC**

**09:00 – 11:00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Hall , BACC**

**Session 5: Implementation of the GHS at the Regional Level**

Moderator: Dr. Abdel Kareem Ibrahim - Jordan

*Session 5 focuses on facilitating a discussion and developing concrete recommendations towards implementing the GHS at the regional level. Specific attention will be given to identifying specific actions needed within each sector and possible action through relevant bodies and networks of government, industry and non-profit civil society respectively.*

- Introduction to Session

**09:00 – 10:00**

- Regional Institutions relevant to the GHS  
*Arab League Secretariat*

**10:00 – 11:00**

- Introduction to Working Groups  
Session 5 Working Group general questions

- (A) Industrial Workplaces
- (B) Agriculture
- (C) Transport
- (D) Consumer Products

*[Working Groups to take breaks as needed]*

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break**

**11:30 – 13:00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Hall , BACC**

Moderator: Eng. Ibtesam El Refai – Kuwait

- Presentation by Arab League Dr. Shahira Hassan Wahbi
- Working Group discussion (part 2) focusing on the roles of stockholders and development of a Regional strategy.

- (A) Industrial Workplaces
- (B) Agriculture
- (C) Transport
- (D) Consumer Products

**13.00-14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 16:00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Hall , BACC**

- Presentation of Working Groups in Plenary
- Summary of Session 5 and Close of Day 3

**16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break**

**16:30 – 18:00**

**Bibliotheca Alexandrina tour and visit to 2 museums.**

**Thursday, 2 November 2006**

**09:00 – 11:00** **2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Hall , BACC**

**Session 6: Workshop Conclusions and Follow-up Activities**

Moderator: Dr. Mohamed El Zarka, Dr. Saad Hassan & Dr. Mousa Ibrahim Mousa - Egypt

*In Session 6 the Secretariat will table the main observations and draft conclusions for discussion, amendment and possible adoption by participants.*

- Summary of Workshop Results

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break**

**11:30 – 15:00**

- Discussion of National Follow-up Activities and Next Steps
- Discussion of Regional Follow-up Activities and Next Steps
- Summary of Session and Close of the Workshop