Workshop

International Response to Major Natural and Man-made Disasters: The Role of the OSCE
17 September 2012, Vienna, Hofburg/Segmentgalerie 1

Agenda

09.30 – 09.45 Opening

− Mr Brian Kenny, National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management of the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, Irish 2012 OSCE Chairmanship
− Mr. Goran Svilanović, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

09.45 – 11.00 Panel 1: Best practices in the area of national and multilateral international civil emergency response to major disasters

Moderator: Amb. Giedrius Čekuolis, Head of Delegation of the Republic of Lithuania to the OSCE

Speakers: Dr. René Holenstein, Deputy Head of Humanitarian Aid Domain and Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation
Mr. Vladimir Kakusha, Russian Emercom Representative, Russian Permanent Mission to NATO, Brussels
Prof. Dr. Johann G. Goldammer, Head of Global Fire Monitoring Center
Dr. Ines Smyth, Senior Gender Advisor, OXFAM

Rapporteur: Ms. Christine Kitzler, Environmental Officer, OSCE Office in Tajikistan

Interventions by Delegations

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee/Tea break
11.30 – 13.00 **Panel 2: Activities of existing multilateral and regional structures in the sphere of natural and man-made disasters civil emergency response**

*Moderator:* Amb. Ihor Prokopchuk, Permanent Representative of the Mission of Ukraine to the OSCE

*Speakers:* Mr. Thomas Peter, Manager of OCHA's Emergency Relief Coordination Center, UN/Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs  
Ms. Maria Brandstetter, CSBM Officer, OSCE/FSC, and Mr. Robert Ierubino, Senior Communications Network Officer, OSCE/CPC  
Mr. Abdelnasir Bektashev, Senior Officer of the Civil Protection Department of the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense, Republic of Tajikistan  
Mr. Juha Auvine, Head of Emergency Response Unit, European Commission/European Community Humanitarian Office

*Rapporteur:* Mr. Zafar Saydaliev, OSCE/OCEEA

Discussion

13.00 – 15.00 **Lunch break**

15.00 – 16.30 **Panel 3: Major challenges to international civil emergency response to natural and man-made disasters**

*Moderator:* Ms Desiree Schweitzer, Deputy Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities/Head Environmental Activities

*Speakers:* Amb. Hido Biščević, Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council  
Mr. Ørjan Nordhus Karlsson, Assistant Deputy Director/Head of International Relations – Directorate for Civil Protection and Emergency Planning of Norway  
Amb. Vytautas Naudužas, Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania  
Ms Penny Satches Brohs, Senior Border Issues Advisor, OSCE, Transnational Threats/Borders Unit

*Rapporteur:* Mr. Lorenzo Rilasciati, Environmental Affairs Adviser, OSCE/OCEEA

Discussion

16.30 – 17.00 **Summing up and closing**

*Mr. Goran Svilanović,* Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities