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**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 Auvinen**, 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 Bišćević**, 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