

Information Note¹

- Event:** A Symposium for all the national stakeholders on “Advance Chemical Safety and Security Management”.
- Organizer:** Pakistan National Authority for the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)
- Date and Venue:** 7 and 8 March 2017, Islamabad, Pakistan
- Participants:** *Local Participants:* 25 representatives of industry, 16 importers and 15 representatives of different ministries and departments attended the symposium.
- International Organisations:* Organisation for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and 1540 Committee Group of Experts.
- Government and Non-governmental Experts from:* Representatives from United States Department of State Chemical Security Program, Sandia National Laboratories (SNL), Civilian Resources and Development Foundation (CRDF) Global and J. Pifer & Associates (JPA)

Background

The Director General of the Pakistan National Authority for the CWC invited an Expert of the 1540 Committee Group of Experts to participate in the ‘Advance Chemical Safety and Security Management Symposium’, being held at Islamabad Pakistan on 7-8 March 2017.

The symposium was designed to provide a forum for all national stakeholders to discuss significance and importance of ‘Advance Chemical Safety and Security Management’. The symposium was also attended by international scholars and technical experts.

Highlights

The symposium was inaugurated by Additional Secretary United Nations and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan. The symposium was conducted in a very interactive manner. Fifty-six participants from the Pakistan chemical industry and various government ministries and departments participated in the symposium. Representatives from United States Department of State, Sandia National Laboratories, OPCW and 1540 Group of Experts made presentations. The focus of the meeting was essentially to raise awareness amongst the industry representative regarding latest trends and approaches to chemical safety and security, including the relevant obligations in resolution 1540 (2004).

Additional comments

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