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• Lunch and coffee during the breaks
• Dinner and workshops
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The Helsinki Chemicals Forum aims to become the pre-eminent think tank dedicated to inclusive, transparent and independent debate on the issues standing in the way of safe chemicals management globally. Operating from the centre of chemicals management in Europe, it is building close relationships with leading thinkers including in emerging economies. It is a place where companies, regulators and NGOs convene to think, discuss and go home with a clearer view on how their organisations should act.

Geert Dancet, Executive Director, ECHA

The Helsinki Chemicals Forum now entering its 6th year, has distinguished itself as an elite event that brings together world class leaders in the field of chemicals. The Forum, continues to evolve and grow, providing an innovative approach and open environment enabling distinguished leaders from around the world to engage in a dialogue relevant to both current and future issues critical to chemicals management. It is such an enriching experience I look forward to each year.

Mamta Patel, Editorial Director, Chemical Watch

Our chemicals world is constantly on the move. Science takes us to new frontiers, and global developments in regulating chemicals safety in our modern world place us in the same boat. To keep our fingers on the pulse of this action, the Helsinki Chemicals Forum is the place to be.”

Jake Sanderson, Manager, Environment Canada

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The forum will be held in conjunction with the ECHA’s Ninth Stakeholders’ Day Conference organised on 21 May 2014 in Helsinki.

PROGRAMME

Thursday 22 May

8:00  Registration

9:00  Opening of the Forum
  Jussi Pajunen, Mayor of Helsinki, Chairman of the HCF Advisory Board

9:15  Making the Most Out of Knowledge and Science for Safer Chemicals
  Geert Dancet, Executive Director, ECHA

9:45  On the Road to the World Summit on Sustainable Development 2020 Goal, and Beyond
  Bjorn Hansen, Head of Unit, European Commission

10:15  Coffee Break

10:45  PANEL 1: EU and US Chemicals Regulations / TTIP* – Impact on Innovation and Regulatory Processes
  A challenging aspect of the currently ongoing bilateral free trade negotiations between the EU and the US is their differing environmental and chemicals legislation and fears that the new agreement will undermine Europe’s stricter chemicals legislation (REACH).

  Moderator: Yves Verschuuren, Director General, Essenscia, Belgium

  Panel: Bjorn Hansen, Head of Unit, European Commission
  Hubert Mandery, Director General, CEFIC
  Lisa Schroeter, Global Director of Trade & Investment Policy / International Policy Dow, USA
  John Shoaff, Chief, Liaison Branch, EPA, USA [tbc]
  Baskut Tuncak, Staff Attorney, CIEL, USA

12:15  Lunch

13:30  PANEL 2: Chemicals Used in Fracking – Is the Political Controversy Scientifically Justified?
  Hot topical issues in gas production include the fracking of shale gas and the chemicals used in this process. Various political and scientific arguments are employed by opponents and proponents of fracking in various countries.

  Moderator: Bob Diderich, Head of Division, OECD

  Panel: Sylvain Bintein, REACH and CLP Team Coordinator, European Commission
  Joanne Lloyd, Director, CIA, UK
  Mariann Lloyd-Smith, Senior Policy Advisor, IPEN – International POPs Elimination Network, Australia
  Jason Moore, Senior Council, Halliburton Energy Services Inc., USA

15:00  Coffee Break

15:20  DEBATE: Endocrine Disruptors – Do We Need Special Control?
  It is suspected that some of the chemicals used have adverse impacts on the human hormonal system. These endocrine disrupting chemicals have been subject to long-term study, with differing results and conclusions on the risks associated with them.

  Moderator: Rob Visser, Former Deputy Director, OECD

  Dr Ninja Reineke, Senior Policy Adviser, CHEM Trust, UK
  Peter Smith, Executive Director, Programme Product Stewardship, Cefic

16:45  Break

18:30-22:00  Workshop and Dinner

18:30  Opening Remarks:
  Jukka Malm, Deputy Executive Director, ECHA

18:45  Workshop
  Facilitated workshop on first day’s topics

19:45  Conclusions

20:00  Dinner

Friday 23 May

9:00  Key Note: Chemical Categories – What Matters, Structure or Activity?
  Prof. Maurice Whelan, Head of Systems Toxicology Unit, ISPRA, European Commission

9:30  PANEL 3: Recent Developments in Chemicals Management Around the World – Are We All in the Same Boat?
  Global harmonisation of chemicals regulation has long been a topic of discussion. However, readiness for such regulation varies greatly around the world. This makes various operating models and legislative means a natural stage in the process towards wider harmonisation.

  Moderator: Mamta Patel, Editorial Director, Chemical Watch

  Panel: Dr. Klaus Berend, Head of Unit, European Commission
  Jun Ho Lee, Senior Researcher, Testing & Research Institute, Korea
  Jake Sanderson, Manager, Environment Canada, Canada
  Dmitry Skobelev, General Director, VNICSVM, Russia
  Dr. Jing Ye, Ministry of Environment, China

11:00  Coffee Break

11:30  PANEL 4: Raising the Baseline – What Path to Choose to Promote Sound Chemicals Management?
  The chemicals market is now fully global. It is in the interests of states, the industry and NGOs to achieve at least a minimum level of chemicals management and regulation. In rapidly growing and developing economies in particular, it would be realistic to match monitoring efforts with resources, while making use of the experiences gained in other countries.

  Moderator: Andreas Herdina, Director of Cooperation, ECHA

  Panel: Anne-Sofie Andersson, Director, ChemSec, Sweden
  Rogerio O Correa, Head of Division, INMETRO, Brazil
  Fatoumata Keita-Ouane, Head, Chemicals Branch, DTIE/UNEP
  Somsri Sumanjaras, Director, Department of Industrial Works, Thailand

13.00-14.30 Workshop and Lunch
  Facilitated workshop on second day’s topics

14:30  Concluding Remarks and Closing
  Geert Dancet, Executive Director, ECHA

15.00  Offsite Session