

Advancing the elimination of asbestos-related diseases

13:00–14:15, Wednesday 14 June 2017

Old Brick House 3 – Dance Hall

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Abstract

In the 2010 Parma Declaration, Member States agreed to develop national programmes by 2015 for eliminating asbestos-related diseases in collaboration with WHO and the International Labour Organization.

Belgium, Israel, the Netherlands and Poland developed different national strategies to eradicate asbestos from the environment and to eliminate asbestos-related diseases. This side event will explore these different national strategies with regards to:

- the elimination of asbestos-related diseases;
- policies to reduce environmental exposure to asbestos; and
- policies on the protection of workers.

The costs and benefits for society of eradicating asbestos play an important role in decision-making processes. This event will provide insight into these costs and benefits, and how they influence policies and public support for them.

Finally, the event will provide an update on current research related to the possibilities of asbestos waste treatment to destroy the fibre structure of asbestos. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss and exchange best practices, insights, and policy approaches in an interactive setting.

Main organizers

- Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment (the Netherlands)

Partners

- Public Waste Agency of Flanders (OVAM) (Belgium)
- Central Mining Institute (Poland)
- Ministry of Environmental Protection (Israel)

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