



On 8 December 2016 the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution designating 26 April - the day of the explosion at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in 1986 - as International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day. The General Assembly invites all Member States, relevant agencies of the United Nations system and other international organizations, as well as civil society, to observe the day.



# INVITATION

## International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day 33 Years after the Chernobyl Disaster & 8 Years after the Fukushima Disaster: A Time for Reflection

 **Friday 26 April 2019**       **15:30-17:00**  
 **International Environment House I (Room 3)**

A discussion on the aftermaths of two major nuclear accidents and some of the current challenges will take place at the international Environment House, on Friday 26 April 2019.

An explosion at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant on 26 April 1986 spread a radioactive cloud over large parts of the Soviet Union, now the territories of Belarus, Ukraine and the Russian Federation. Nearly 8.4 million people in the three countries were exposed to the radiation. Three decades after the disaster there remains persistent serious long-term consequences and the affected communities and territories are experiencing continuing related needs.

A 9.0 magnitude earthquake hit Japan in March 2011, followed by a tsunami that inundated everything along the eastern coastline around Fukushima Prefecture. Subsequently, an explosion at one of the reactors in the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant leaked radioactive material. Three of the reactors failed, and hundreds of thousands were evacuated from the area. Eight years after the nuclear meltdown, contamination and exposure to radiation remain a hazard for workers trying to make the area safe.

### AGENDA

#### Welcome

Diana RIZZOLIO, Coordinator, Geneva Environment Network

#### 33 Years after Chernobyl

Mahir ALIYEV, Regional Coordinator, UN Environment Europe Office

Lesya NIKOLAYEVA, Consultant, UN Environment Europe Office

#### 8 Years after Fukushima

Ms SONODA, former inhabitant of Fukushima  
Geoff READ, former inhabitant of Fukushima

#### Preventing industrial accidents

Franziska HIRSCH, Secretary, UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

#### Discussion

#### Closing remarks

Hisashi SAITO, iuventum e.V.

### REGISTRATION

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