



# FACT SHEET

## Middle East Chemical Security Programme

### Enhancing Chemical Security for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the development of Chemical Safety and Security Confidence Building Measures for the Middle East

#### What is Middle East Programme?

The Middle East Programme was proposed by the ICCSS to respond to urgent needs of the Middle East countries to respond to continued and growing threat of misuse of chemicals. It is a continuous process, consisting of numerous activities to improve national chemical safety and security regulatory frameworks and increase regional chemical security resilience against chem-bio threats. The program promotes Jordan as a regional hub of chemical safety and security to offer best practices, capacity building, trainings and cooperation among the specialists. It has **three** stages:

1. To assist Jordan to introduce sound national system potential for chemical safety and security to prevent, reduce and mitigate chem-bio threats; and to provide assistance in the development of Jordan as a regional training and exercises centre - the Joint CBRN Training Facility in Amman in chem-bio safety and security.
2. Based on Jordan experience, to further disseminate results in the region to counter chemical proliferation and terrorism and/or misuse of toxic chemicals, through introduction of national chemical security regulatory frameworks, introducing national capacities and continued trainings, developing regional cooperation via joint activities, including exercises and best practices exchanges.
3. To introduce chemical safety and security confidence building measures for the Middle East, as a foundation for enhancing chemical safety and security culture in the whole chain of activities in chemical and energy carrier activities, including development, production, transportation, transit, storage, use and disposal of chemicals, through international training/exercise activities, including Table Top (TTX) and Field Exercises (FsX) – as the Middle East CHEM-REACT (to follow the model of EU-CHEM-REACT: [www.ecr.iccss.eu](http://www.ecr.iccss.eu))

#### What is it about?

The process started from the project on “Enhancing Chemical Security for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Region Development of Chemical Safety and Security Confidence Building Measures for the Middle East” (**Jordan project**), funded by US Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), and successfully implemented in 2018-2019. Jordan project was a public-private initiative, implemented by the Jordan Armed Forces (JAF) - as initiator and the national coordinator and ICCSS - as the and the international coordinator and included the following activities:

1. **STUDY VISITS** to Jordan; gathering, motivating and training the team of Jordanian stakeholders and data collection and best practices exchanges; enabled collection of relevant information, sharing best practices and capacity building, conduct training session and exchanges.
2. **GATHERING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS** International stakeholders shared unique expertise in chemical security and offered a sound international cooperation with the Jordan stakeholders, such as: UN Counter Terrorism Committee (UN CTC), OPCW, WHO, INTERPOL, World Customs Organisation (WCO), OSCE, UNSCR 1540, EU Centres of Excellence (EU COE).

**3. WARSAW-AMMAN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR IN WARSAW** – 20-21 September, 2018, preceded by training on 18-19 September, 2018; Attended by more than 60 participants from 16 countries and INTERPOL, OSCE, OPCW, UN, Seminar enhanced capacities of Jordan stakeholders in chemical safety and security. The core understanding of the Training and the Seminar was the readiness of the Jordan partners and the ICCSS, to promote Jordan as a regional hub for chemical safety and security and the development of the Joint CBRN Training Facility in Amman as a regional centre for chemical safety and security.

**4. GAP ANALYSIS (GA)** - Preparation and writing of the document on chemical security gaps; The document offered a set of chemical security confidence building measures to assist Jordan and countries in the region in making important, practical decisions about how to address those gaps. The gap analysis included the following areas: Chemicals: National level existing regulatory frameworks: International level commitments and capacity building. The GA provided guidelines to introduce national chemical safety and security regulatory frameworks and increase regional chemical security.

**5. AMMAN-WARSAW INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR;** Amman 9-11 April, 2019. The Amman Seminar Program involved over 100 participants representing all key national institutions from Jordan and majority of Middle East countries and UN, WHO, WCO. The Amman Seminar was accompanied by a regional Table Top Exercise (TTX) to respond to chemical threats. A general Chemical Security Training Course in a format to “train the trainers” was agreed. A working document on chemical security confidence building measures in the Middle East was presented and agreed at the Amman Seminar. The Roadmap on chemical safety and security in Jordan and the Middle East was agreed as a Jordan project continuation.

#### **2020-2022 ROADMAP ON CHEMICAL SAFETY AND SECURITY IN JORDAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST**

Roadmap provides a strategy to enhance chem-bio safety and security in the Middle East, starting from the development of Jordan as the regional hub and the Joint CBRN Training Facility in Amman as a regional centre for chemical safety and security (ChemReg Center). Based on the deliverables of the successful implementation of Jordan project and Amman Seminar outcomes, the Roadmap proposes a series of activities and projects financed by international donors.

The basic principle of the proposed strategy is that financing chemical safety and security is not a cost but an investment in national and regional security, economic development and international cooperation.

The projects were developed by the Jordan stakeholders, in cooperation with the international partners and were included in the G7 Global Partnership.

In cooperation with the Jordan Armed Forces (JAF), Jordan leader, ICCSS remains the international leader and coordinator of the Roadmap development and implementation.

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