



Eastern and Central Africa Regional Secretariat

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OVERALL GOAL: Mitigate chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) risks of natural, accidental or deliberate origin



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Partner Countries



Burundi



DRC



Ethiopia



Ghana



Kenya



Malawi



Rwanda



Seychelles



Tanzania



Uganda



Zambia

Regional Priorities



Awareness raising for implementation of CBRN NAP



Enhancing CBRN Legislative Framework



Harmonized and Integrated approach to Biosecurity



CBRN Risk assessment



Illicit trafficking of Radiological and Nuclear materials



Identification, Retrieval and Management of old and abandoned chemicals

Projects

14 projects implemented in the region to date, guided by Partner Country priorities. Currently **3 projects ongoing**:

Project 99 - BIOCAP ECA

Strengthening biosafety and biosecurity capabilities

Project 102 - CBRN EQUIP

Provision of specialised CBRN Equipment

Project 111 - CHEM ECA

Strengthening management of chemical waste

Global projects including the ECA region:

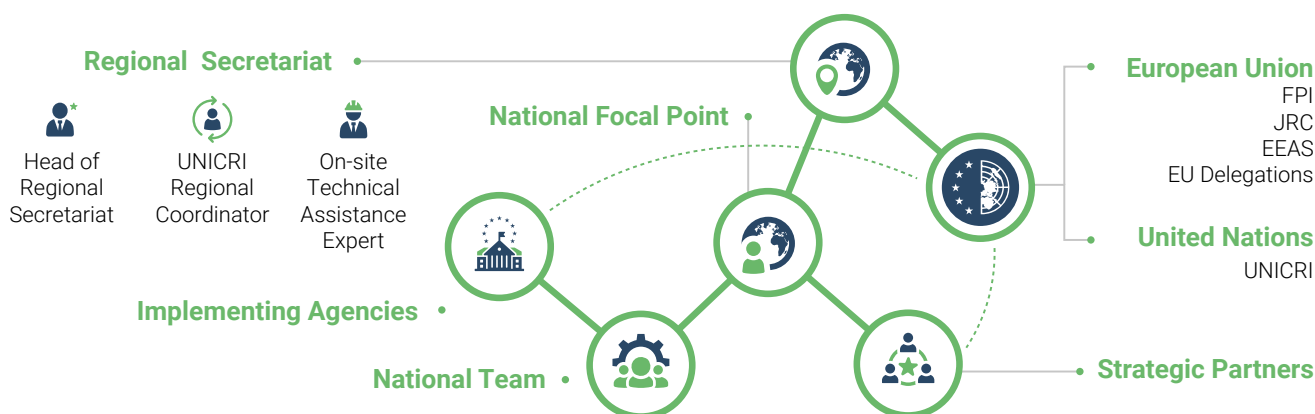
P103 - EU P2P

Export Control Programme for dual-use goods

P106 - CBRN TEST

Table top and field exercises and trainings to mitigate risks

Structure



Methodology



National Focal Points (NFPs):

NFPs coordinate CBRN CoE activities at the country-level. They are an **excellent point of entry into a partner country** for CBRN risk mitigation activities.



National Teams (NTs):

Inter-agency teams that **coordinate internally on CBRN risk mitigation activities and policies** and identify national priorities for capacity-building.



National Action Plans (NAPs):

Outline the national strategic priority actions for capacity-building for CBRN risk mitigation. **Partners can use this tool to focus their collaboration.**

Recent Achievements

Collaboration between international partners strengthens the effectiveness of their joint support to countries. As a model, CBRN CoE, the UNSCR1540 Secretariat and the Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit jointly organised a national CBRN awareness-raising event in Malawi. This revolved around the Malawi CBRN National Action Plan (December 2022).

In 2024, the Prime Minister of Tanzania formally adopted the CBRN National Action Plan (NAP). To attract the attention and interest of the decision-makers, the CBRN National Focal Point, with support from the CBRN CoE, organised a large port training and then field exercise, to showcase the challenges and capabilities in Tanzania. The CBRN NAP was launched during this event.

Hands-on training is key to building real operational readiness at border points. Under P99, countries engaged in scenario-based exercises to detect, investigate, and respond to the smuggling of high-risk biological agents. The project strengthened cross-border cooperation and frontline preparedness against the illicit movement of biological agents.