

Webinar working Paper:

## **The Devastation of misinformation in managing the logistics of Dangerous Goods**

### **Overview**

In 2015 the massive explosion in Tianjin shook the logistics communities that were handling dangerous goods when 800 tons of ammonium nitrate exploded when poorly stored in a port warehouse with other incompatible dangerous goods. Immediately after that event shipping companies, ports and terminals and logistics service providers began paying closer attention to the hazards contained in the dangerous goods that they accepted by them. 5 years later in Beirut 4000 tons of ammonium nitrate explodes again but with much greater devastation. Container ships have constantly caught fire, mostly due to mis-declared or even undeclared dangerous goods. The first quarter of 2019 was riddled with these types of accidents and in 2020 the Beirut blast and the oil spill pollution off the coast of Mauritius, draws a conclusion that something must be done to mitigate the repeat occurrence of such events.

This webinar will address challenges faced in managing the logistics of dangerous goods. Specialists in the field will share their expert insights on mode specific, storage and handling requirements for these sensitive and volatile goods.

Speakers

Moderator

Questions:

1. In your opinion, why does it seem as though we do not learn from previous experiences when it comes to DG?
2. What are the factors that lead to such disasters?
3. What would you pin down as the single most pertinent need when it comes to handling and transporting DG?

4. Where are we as a global community, in the stand for protecting the lives of people and the planet?