



**Report
of
the Annual Meeting of the National Focal Points (NFPs) of
the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network
(OIC-OSHNET)**

30 November 2021, Online

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A. Background

The Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET) was established in 2011 as an OIC platform designed to foster closer collaboration among the national Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) institutions in the OIC member countries. This collaboration is achieved through the sharing of knowledge, experience, and best practices.

The OIC-OSHNET is comprised of three main bodies: SESRIC, which serves as the OIC Technical Coordinator; the Directorate General of Occupational Safety and Health (DGOSH) of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Türkiye, which functions as the Secretariat; and the National Focal Points (NFPs), which are the national institutions responsible for Occupational Safety and Health within the OIC member countries.

The 4th Meeting of the OIC-OSHNET took place on 07-08 October 2020. During the meeting, two main documents were discussed and subsequently adopted: the Rules of Procedure and the Work Plan for 2021-2022. Additionally, a Final Communiqué was adopted at the conclusion of the meeting.

It was also agreed upon that the NFPs would convene annually through an online convention to oversee the implementation of the Network's adopted Work Plan. The first such convention was held on 30 November 2021, and this report provides a summary of the key achievements, challenges, and recommendations discussed during the meeting to further enhance the effectiveness of the OIC-OSHNET and foster stronger collaboration among the member countries in the field of OSH.

B. Purpose

The Online Annual Meeting of the National Focal Points (NFPs) of the OIC-OSHNET was jointly organized by SESRIC and DGOSH with the primary objectives of:

- Reviewing the progress made in the implementation of the OIC-OSHNET Work Plan for the year 2021, the document that was adopted during the 4th Meeting of the Network in October 2020;
- Assessing the activities conducted and their outcomes in relation to the objectives and targets outlined in the OIC-OSHNET Work Plan for 2021-2022;
- Analyze the planned initiatives for the upcoming year, 2022, under the OIC-OSHNET Work Plan and discussing approaches to ensure their timely and effective implementation.

C. Participants

The Online Annual Meeting of the National Focal Points (NFPs) of the OIC-OSHNET convened 53 senior-level representatives from National OSH Authorities across 33 OIC member countries. The participating countries included:

Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia,

Maldives, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Tajikistan, Togo, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, and Yemen.

D. Recommendations

Following succinct presentations by the provider institutions, which detailed their completed activities in 2021, the floor was opened to all participating NFPs for recommendations and feedback aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of these activities. Numerous constructive comments were shared, and the efforts of the Secretariat and the OIC Technical Coordinator were widely acknowledged and appreciated. Additionally, the main recommendations offered by the NFPs included:

Representative from Morocco:

- Increasing the number of participants to the online capacity building activities since the Zoom platform can accommodate large numbers;
- Wiser and more pertinent choice of participants should take place during the registration process to ensure balanced level of knowledge among the trainees;
- The pedagogical methods used by the trainers could be adjusted to better fit the online delivery systems;
- Reducing the number of activities for the year 2022 would facilitate participations (average of 1 activity every two months);
- Improving the online registration system to avoid technical difficulties;
- Capacity building activities should be provided in three official languages of the OIC to ensure full benefit for NFPs from all OIC member countries. Solutions could be considered to improve the simultaneous translation service;
- There could be two types of capacity building activities; one general that all NFPs can benefit from, and one focuses on more specific technical topics for staff working in technical departments;
- NFPs of the OIC-OSHNET should consider bilateral and multilateral collaborations with each other whenever an opportunity arises.

Representative from Qatar:

- Capacity building activities could be provided in all three official languages of the OIC to ensure diversity of participants and spread knowledge as much as possible;
- Including more topics related to Occupational Health, which concerns doctors and nurses.

Representative from Pakistan:

- Organising on-site study visits to facilitate hands-on experience exchange with the inspectors from various OIC member countries.

Representatives from Tunisia:

- Bilateral and regional efforts could be encouraged under the umbrella of the Network, especially after identifying the needs and capacities of the NFPs;

- Reports could be produced after the implementation of capacity building activities to facilitate possible collaborations among the NFPs considering common languages;
- Focusing on country experience sharing from leading countries in specific topics to ensure greater benefit and learn from other OIC member countries' best practices;
- Organising fewer activities while trying to include as many countries as possible and accommodating language preferences too;
- Capacity building activities should be divided into two main categories, one more general and the other more technical topic based.

Representative from Palestine:

- Organising more capacity building activities for the benefit of OSH experts in Palestine due to the recent reforms at an institutional level in the country;
- Organising Study Visits for the benefit of Palestinian OSH expert to exchange expertise with their counterparts that have good practices and advanced knowledge;
- Organising a specific capacity building activity on the topic of "Analysis of pollutants in the work environment" to help Palestinian OSH experts improve their capacities in this important area;
- Providing country experience sharing in every capacity building activity to maximize the benefits and learn from the counterparts;
- Requesting specific capacity building activities geared towards assisting Palestinian OSH experts in enforcing the recent reforms on their Labour Law.

Representative from Mauritania:

- Simultaneous translation services during the capacity building activities should be always considered to ensure maximum benefit for participants from all OIC regions.

Representative from Jordan:

- Organising more capacity building activities in the area of dealing with virus spreads in the work environment;
- Jordan is willing to share its expertise in the domain of Occupational Risk Assessment with counterparts from other OIC member countries, thereby promoting knowledge exchange and collaboration.

Representative from Lebanon:

- New topics for activities needed to be considered, including pandemic control, regulations for remote employees, and challenges associated with distance working. These topics, among others, have emerged as critical issues during the COVID-19 pandemic and warrant further exploration and discussion within the OIC-OSHNET framework.

Representative from Cameroon:

- African countries are needed to be paid more attention in terms of capacity building in the field of OSH. Any initiatives in this area would be highly valued and contribute significantly to the development of occupational safety and health practices in these countries.

E. Conclusion

The Online Annual Meeting of the National Focal Points (NFPs) of the OIC-OSHNET successfully accomplished its objectives by virtually convening the NFPs of the Network to assess the progress made thus far in the OIC-OSHNET Work Plan 2021-2022. The meeting also facilitated meaningful discussions and recommendations among participants, aimed at enhancing the Network's activities.

The meeting commenced with a concise presentation by SESRIC, which covered the history of the Network, its main bodies, and the development of the two-year Work Plan and associated activities. Subsequently, more in-depth information regarding the implemented activities was provided through presentations delivered by the Secretariat and representatives of the provider countries. The final session of the meeting featured a general evaluation of the year and an overview of the NFPs' recommendations, as outlined above.

During this session, several inquiries and concerns were raised, to which SESRIC and DGOSH responded by offering clarifications and elaborating on potential solutions. The two organizations also encouraged the NFPs to maintain open dialogue with their counterparts and actively contribute to the implementation of the planned activities, fostering a collaborative and supportive environment within the OIC-OSHNET.

F. Annexes

1. Draft Programme
2. Participants List

**OIC OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH NETWORK
(OIC-OSHNET)**

Annual Meeting of the National Focal Points (NFPs) of the OIC-OSHNET

30 November 2021

12:00 - 14:30 (GMT+3) Istanbul Time

- *The meeting will be conducted over two hours through a video conferencing platform.*
- *The meeting will commence at 12:00 and end at 14:30 (GMT+3) Istanbul Time.*
- *The link for connecting to the meeting will be sent by email to the registered participants.*
- *Simultaneous translation into the official languages of the OIC will be provided (Arabic, English and French).*

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 30 November 2021		
Opening Session	12:00 – 12:10	<p>H.E. Mr. Nebil DABUR, Director General, SESRIC</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Cafer UZUNKAYA, Director General, Directorate General of Occupational Safety and Health (DGOSH), Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey</p>
Session 1	12:10 – 12:30	<p>SESRIC Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview on the Current Status of the OIC-OSHNET Work Plan Activities <p>This session will reflect on the objectives of the OIC-OSHNET Work Plan 2021-2022 and provide an overview of the activities implemented thus far towards the achievement of these objectives as well as the planned activities for 2022.</p>
	12:30 – 13:00	<p>DGOSH Presentation on the Implemented Activities by Turkey</p> <p>Representative from the Directorate General of Occupational Safety and Health (DGOSH) of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey will brief the session on the below-mentioned activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Webinar on “Occupational Safety and Health Systems (OSH) during the Pandemic: The Impact and Response” – organised on 6 May 2021 Training Course on “OSH Inspection Services” – organised on 24-26 May 2021

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Workshop on “The Application of the OIC/ SMIC Standards on OSH” - organised on 21-23 June 2021 • Training course on “Definition, Classification and Regulations on Biological Agents: A Global Perspective” - organised on 20-22 September 2021 • Training Course on “Improving and Fostering OSH Culture in Workplaces” - organised on 18-21 October 2021
	13:00 – 13:15	<p>Presentation on the Implemented Activities by Malaysia</p> <p>Representative from the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) of the Ministry of Human Resources of Malaysia will brief the session on the below-mentioned activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Course on “International OSH Regulations” – organised on 12-15 April 2021 • Training Course on “Labour Inspection on SMEs and Informal Sector”
	13:15 – 13:30	<p>Presentation on the Implemented Activities by Tunisia</p> <p>Representative from the Tunisian Occupational Health and Safety Institute (TOSHI) of the Ministry of Social Affairs of the Republic of Tunisia will brief the session on the below-mentioned activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Course on “International OSH Regulations” – organised on 12-15 April 2021 • Training Workshop on “OSH Data Collection and Analysis”– organised on 1-4 November 2021
Session 3	13:30 – 14:30	General Evaluation and Wrap Up

List of Registered Participants			
Full Name	Nationality	Institution	Position
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