

# **Annual Meeting of the NFPs of the OIC-OSHNET**

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**Opening Statement of H.E. Mr. Nebil DABUR**

**Director General of SESRIC**

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**Excellences, Esteemed National Focal Points, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

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**Very Good Day to all of you**

**I am pleased to welcome you all to the Online Annual Meeting of NFPs of the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET), which is jointly organised by SESRIC, in its capacity as the OIC Technical Coordinator of the OIC-OSHNET and the Directorate General of Occupational Safety and Health (DGOSH) of the Republic of Turkey, in its capacity as the Secretariat of the Network.**

**Allow me first to begin by thanking H.E. Mr. Cafer UZUNKAYA, Director General of the Directorate General of Occupational Safety and Health of the Republic of Turkey and his team for their valuable cooperation in organising this Meeting. .**

**I also thank them for organizing many other activities within the framework of the OIC-OSHNET Work Plan, since the 4th Meeting of the Network last year. The realisation of these activities wouldn't have been possible without the collaborative efforts of the Secretariat, SESRIC, and the NFPs of the Network.**

## **Distinguished Participants,**

**As you may all recall, the 4th Meeting of the OIC-OSHNET adopted in October last year two documents, namely, the “Rules of Procedure” and the “Work Plan 2021-2022”. These two documents aim at ensuring the effective functioning of the Network. It was also agreed on convening an annual meeting of the NFPs to monitor the implementation of the said Work Plan of the Network. Accordingly, today, we are gathered virtually to evaluate the progress that has been made during this year and to discuss our planned activities for the next year.**

**The two-year Work Plan specified 8 capacity building activities to be implemented during this year under four different thematic areas. I am glad to inform you that 7 out of these activities have been so far realised, and the final one is planned to be conducted in the next few weeks. Moreover, 12 other capacity-building activities were planned for the year 2022, which I believe would contribute positively to the improvement of OSH systems in the OIC member countries.**

**Seizing this opportunity, I would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to the provider OSH national institutions that took the lead in the implementation of these activities and generously shared their valuable expertise with their counterparts in other OIC member countries. We thank them for their valuable contribution to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Network.**



**Also, we thank the NFPs for their active participation in the Network's activities. I am confident that, together, we can contribute significantly to the efforts of our member countries towards improving the quality of OSH systems.**

**Dear Participants,**

**The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic reframed the way we think about workplace safety and the ways and means of ensuring a decent and safe work environment. In order for us to be better prepared for similar future crises, there is an urgent need for enhancing our capacities at national levels and raising more awareness on the importance of occupational safety and health while safeguarding the sustainability of our economies.**

**One of the various lessons learned during the pandemic is the importance of the role of the collective efforts of the professional networks, such as the OIC-OSHNET one. Within the framework of this Network, we can together better utilising the available resources and experiences in our member countries for building more sustainable national OSH systems.**

**In this context, I would also like to highlight and draw your attention to the importance of utilizing the OIC-OSHNET Portal, which we host at SESRIC's website, as an information hub and knowledge sharing platform. I invite all the NFPs to visit the OIC-OSHNET Portal and to contribute to its content by sharing their success stories and best practices in the domain of OSH. This will, in turn, reinforce the Network's overall vision and mission.**

**Before concluding, I would like to reaffirm SESRIC's commitment and dedication to the OIC-OSHNET in close cooperation with the Secretariat and the NFPs. We are willing to take any necessary steps towards further improving the work of the Network and build on our previous and current progress towards the best of our member countries' interest in the field of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH).**

**I wish you all a very productive Meeting, and I look forward to hearing the positive outcomes and feedback afterwards. Thank you all once again. و السلام عليكم و رحمة الله و بركاته**