

Training Course on “Labour Inspection on SMEs and Informal Sector”

and

“Sharing Best Practices and Models on the Application of OSH”

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Opening Statement of H.E. Mr. Nebil DABUR

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Excellences, Dear Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

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I wish you all a very Good Day

It is a great pleasure for me to address this virtual Training Course on “Labour Inspection on SMEs and Informal Sector” and “Sharing Best Practices and Models on the Application of OSH”, which is organized by the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) of the Ministry of Human Resources of Malaysia, within the framework of the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET) and in line with the OIC-OSHNET Work Plan 2021-2022.

I welcome you all to this important training course that marks the eighth activity since the adoption of the OIC-OSHNET Work Plan in October 2020, and the first one this year.

On behalf of SESRIC, in our capacity as the OIC Technical Coordinator of the OIC-OSHNET, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to H.E. Mr. Zailee bin DOLLAH, Director General of the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) at the Ministry of Human Resources of Malaysia, and his team for their efforts in organising this important capacity building training activity with a view to enhancing the technical capacities of the human resources of the OSH institutions in the OIC Member Countries.

I would also like to thank H.E. Dr. Muhittin BİLGE, Director General of the Directorate General of Occupational Safety and Health at the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Türkiye, in its capacity as the Secretariat of the OIC-OSHNET, and his team for their continuous support to our Network and its activities.

Dear Participants,

Labour inspection plays a critical role in ensuring the protection of workers in all sectors at all levels and promoting compliance with principles and rights stemming from international labour standards. It operates as one of the core components of labour administration and is exercised within workplaces by the labour inspectors who do not only carry out standard inspections but also provide technical solutions, which in some cases, enhance firms' competitiveness and their productivity in the market.

However, though OSH legislations and standards are in practice applied in all workplaces regardless of their type, it remains a major challenge for many OSH institutions to carry out labour inspections in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and unregistered businesses.

In this respect, and in order for OSH institutions to address this challenge, it is required to establish effective OSH management systems by mobilizing and coordinating the various relevant national services and institutions responsible for applying the different work standards and procedures. It is essential that qualified and well-trained inspectors to conduct accurate and strict control and monitoring processes to ensure enforcement of labour law to achieve decent working conditions at the workplaces.

Here, I would like to mention that the OIC Labour Market Strategy 2025, which was prepared by SESRIC in accordance with the resolution of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers held in Jakarta in 2015, emphasizes the importance of developing better legislation infrastructure and inspection mechanisms covering all sectors, whether formal or informal, to reduce the incidence of work-related deaths, injuries and diseases and promote a culture of prevention in OSH in the OIC Member Countries.

Dear Participants,

In its capacity as the OIC Technical Coordinator institution of the OIC-OSHNET, SESRIC has always spare no effort towards facilitating the exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices among the OSH authorities of the OIC Member Countries.

At SESRIC, we are closely monitoring, in collaboration with our partners, the implementation of the agreed activities within the framework of the OIC-OSHNET Work Plan 2021-2022. I am glad to inform you that the implementation of the Work Plan is progressing successfully in accordance with the specified timeline, and all the planned activities for this year (2022) are expected to be implemented up to the end of the year.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I am also pleased to inform you that another important activity of the OIC-OSHNET Work Plan, namely; the Training Workshop on “Addressing Challenges of Occupational Health in the Future of Work”, will be organized on 17-18 May 2022 by our Centre SESRIC, in collaboration with the General Directorate of Labour Inspection and Occupational Safety and Health of the Ministry of Manpower of the Republic of Indonesia and the ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network (ASEAN-OSHNET).

We highly encourage all the National Focal Points of the OIC-OSHNET and national OSH institutions of the OIC Member Countries to actively participate in this upcoming training workshop to ensure a higher level of benefit, engagement and interaction.

Dear Participants,

I believe that this training course will spot the light on the importance of strengthening national capacities on the effective management of labour inspection systems and provide a better understanding of how OSH authorities can take further steps to reduce human and economic costs due to unsafe workplaces and work-related injuries within small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) as well as in the informal sector.

Before concluding, I would like to thank you all once again and wish you a fruitful exchange of experiences and successful training throughout the upcoming days.

Thank you all for your kind attention. و السلام عليكم و رحمة الله و بركاته