

Training Course on “OSH Inspection Services”

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Excellences, Dear Participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

السَّلَامُ عَلَیْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

I wish you all a very Good Day

It is my great pleasure to address this virtual training course on “OSH Inspection Services”, which is organised by the Secretariat of the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET), the Directorate General of Occupational Safety and Health of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey.

On behalf of SESRIC, the OIC Technical Coordinator of the OIC-OSHNET, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Secretariat for their efforts in organising this important activity in line with the OIC-OSHNET 2021-2022 Work Plan with a view to enhancing the technical capacities of the human resources of the OSH institutions in the OIC Member States.

In particular, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to H.E. Mr. Cafer UZUNKAYA, the Director General of the Directorate General of Occupational Safety and Health of Turkey, and his team for their continuous support to our Network and its activities. Also, many thanks to the participants who joined us today for their commitment and dedication towards enriching their knowledge and expertise on this crucial subject.

Dear Participants,

As we are all aware, working life, including working environment and working systems, is rapidly evolving, and consequently, many hazards are emerging at workplaces that need to be addressed in a timely manner.

It is well-known that the issue of incidents, injuries and illnesses at work is one of the long-standing challenges in occupational safety and health around the globe. In this context, it is always necessary to improve appropriate labour inspection services, which can prevent such incidents. Raising awareness and enhancing capacities on preventive OSH culture are indeed needed in many OIC member countries in order to achieve healthy and productive workforce.

Conducting, monitoring and reporting regular inspections are important components of the overall OSH inspection services, which aim at a safer work environment for workers in various sectors. It is worth mentioning here that recognising the importance of the welfare and safety of employees and workers should stand as a key element in any workplace, to not only protect them, but also to increase the productivity and growth, generate customer confidence and enhance business reputation.

In this context, I believe that this training course will spot the light on the importance of well-structured inspection services 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. In particular, this topic has gained different dimensions since the breakout of the pandemic where proper and timely inspection strategies proved efficiency in helping against the prevention of infections spread.

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. Today, we all understand the necessity for effective collaboration and joint actions towards improving our societies for a better future.

We highly appreciate the efforts of the national institutions towards enhancing their counterparts' competencies based on pure south-south cooperation mechanisms and we welcome and highly encourage further collaboration opportunities among the members of the OIC-OSHNET.

Without further ado, I leave you to indulge in an enlightening experience, and I wish you all a very fruitful training course during the upcoming days.

Thank you all for your kind attention and I hope to see you in future activities organised within the framework of the OIC-OSHNET.

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