

Events in Africa

28 April 2009, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

World Safety and Health Day rally gathers over 250 people, part of Ethiopia's celebrations of ILO 90

More than 250 representatives from government, employers' and workers' organizations and staff members from the Public Health Department of Addis Ababa University and the ILO called for a strong safety culture at work on the World Day for Safety and Health at Work. H.E. Zenebu Tadesse, State Minister of Labour and Social Affairs and Mr. George Okutho, Director of Sub-Regional Office for Eastern Africa, reaffirmed their commitment to working together and with the social partners in promoting a preventative safety and health culture in Ethiopia and to "be particularly vigilant to ensure that strategies for adjustment and economic recovery do not follow a low road which devalues human life and safety in the workplace". The public march was organized by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs as part of both ILO 90 celebrations and the international campaign to promote safe, healthy and decent work. The march wove through the city drawing crowds of spectators, guiding them to the exhibition at the Addis Ababa National Exhibition Center which showcased practical steps employers' and workers' organizations as well as the government could continue to take to cultivate a safety and health culture.

28 April 2009, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Floriculture Sector-wide Event marks World Day for Safety and Health at Work

This special OSH event was designed for the floriculture sector of Ethiopia. Jointly organized by the ILO Floriculture sector decent work project and the Ethiopian Horticulture Producer Exporter's Association (EHPEA), the objective was to encourage the floriculture industry to promote OSH. There were an estimated total of 300 participants, including workers and management of 86 flower farms, local government organizations, academic institutions, relevant federal government institutions, local civil society representatives, tripartite partners, the ILO, the Royal Netherlands Embassy, and entertaining drama by local artists. A Q&A competition was won by 2 farms that were recently audited and complied to EHPEA COP. There was also an award to farms with the best farm safety systems completed the event.

25-28 April 2009, Antananarivo, Madagascar

Training session for enterprise medical doctors followed by a series of events to increase awareness about ILO and Occupational Safety and Health.

Sociocultural events include naming of a monument square after ILO and/or Decent Work Agenda, special TV and radio broadcasts and special post stamps issue.

28 April 2009, The Niger

Human Caravan of 600 carries message of Decent Work, safety and health at work and child labour to villages and schools in Niger

The caravan of adults and children carried banners and shouted ILO 90 slogans as they moved from school to school focussing on ILO Conventions and carrying the ILO/IPEC message against child labour into communities with mining and panning industries. Children and their families offered testimonies to village elders and chiefs as well as to professional labour inspectors.

28 April 2009, Lusaka, Zambia

ILO @ 90 and Occupational Safety and Health joint commemorations include tripartite panel discussions, exhibitions and speeches from ILO and social partners (Government, employers' and workers' organizations).

A 30 min documentary will be broadcast and awareness messages will be dispatched in print media. A supplement (Business Post) on ILO's work and achievement will also be published and distributed country wide.

Events in Arab States

Saudi, Arabia

Occupational Safety and Health Meeting organized by the safe work Department at ILO Headquarters, Geneva.

Events in Asia and the Pacific

28 April 2009, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

[Occupational Safety and Health Day celebrated this year in conjunction with the ILO's 90th Anniversary](#)

27 April 2009, Beijing, China

Conference on observation of World Day on Safety & Health - Health & Life at work: promoting safety culture at communities

28 April 2009, Jakarta, Indonesia

National Workshop on Tackling the Avian Flu Epidemic through Workplace Education, in conjunction with the commemoration of World Occupational Safety and Health Day

28 April 2009, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Occupational Safety and Health Workshop

28 April 2009, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Malaysia celebrates ILO 90 with tripartite conference on "Health and Life at Work: A Basic Human Right"

Celebration of ILO 90 in Malaysia was organized and hosted by The Ministry of Human Resources in conjunction with the OSH World Day, 28 April 2009, at Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC) under a theme of "Health and Life at Work: A Basic Human Right". There were about 700 participants comprising workers, employers, Ministry of Human Resources. Ministry of Human Resources arranged one booth to display ILO publications and showed the ILO 90 video messages of both the ILO Director-General and ASEAN Secretary-General, as well as the video of ILO history. A significant moment of this event was the presentation of the "Occupational Safety and Health Master Plan for Malaysia 2015" which was launched formally on May 2.

[Celebration of ILO 90 Programme](#)

[Remarks by Ton That Khai, Specialist on OSH, ILO Sub Regional Office for East Asia](#)

[Powerpoint Presentation by Ton That Khai](#)

15 April 2009, Mongolia

ILO's tripartite members, industry and NGOs meet on subject of Occupational Safety and Health in Mining

A National Tripartite Consultative Meeting on Occupational Safety and Health in Mining was held on the occasion of the ILO's 90th Anniversary month. ILO social partners and representatives from non-government organizations, mining companies, as well as the State Specialized Inspection Authority participated in the meeting and discussed the necessity of the application and the possibility of the ratification of the ILO's Convention No. 176 on Occupational Safety and Health.

[New Horizons - The News Letter of the United Nations in Mongolia](#)

16-17 April 2009, Mongolia

Regional Tripartite Workshop held on subject of Improving Safety and Health in Mining in 7 Countries

Hosted by the Mongolian government, this event brought together tripartite partners from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Viet Nam, India and the Philippines to discuss the importance of ILO Convention 176, Convention 155 and Recommendation 187.

28 April 2009, Mongolia

World Day for Safety and Health at Work marked with press conference to raise awareness

The Confederation of Mongolian Trade Unions (CMTU), the Mongolian Ministry of Social Welfare and Labour (MSWL) and the Mongolian Employers' Federation (MONEF), organized a press conference to highlight the importance of social dialogue and cooperation amongst the tripartite constituents to promote decent work and minimise fatal accidents, injuries, and illnesses caused by poor working conditions.

24-25 April 2009, Peshawar, Pakistan

Provincial Tripartite Seminar on ILO 90 Anniversary and Safe and Decent Work & Accident Prevention organized by Pakistan Workers Federation

28 April 2009, Lahore, Pakistan

ILO 90th celebration and the commemoration of the World Day for Safety & Health at Work organised by the Employers' Federation of Pakistan.

28 April 2009, Lahore, Pakistan

ILO 90th celebration and Seminar on Occupational Safety and Health organised by the Pakistan Workers' Federation.

27 April 2009, The Philippines

World Day for Safety and Health at Work Health and Life at Work: A Basic Human Right.

28 April 2009, Colombo, Sri Lanka

High-level event on Social Dialogue on Decent Work for a Fair Globalization, ILO 90th Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony

President of Sri Lanka, H.E. Mahinda Rajapaksa gave the keynote address at the High-level event on Social Dialogue on Decent Work for a Fair Globalization, ILO 90th Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony, organized by Ministry of Labour Relations and Manpower. This event included the announcement of the ratification of several ILO conventions, including the Maritime Labour Convention (C186), Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (C185) and the Occupational Safety and Health Convention (C155). An announcement on the ratifications was read aloud by the Secretary of the Ministry of Labour Relations and Manpower, Mr. Mahinda Madihahewa. The announcement was then handed over to the President by the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower, Hon. Athauda Seneviratne. National Decent Work Awards were given in the categories of Employer and Employer/Employee Organizations. Tokens of appreciation for commitment to the world of work were given to HE the President, the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower and the Secretary of the Ministry of Labour Relations and Manpower.

[Photos from the event](#)

[ILO 90 Years of Social Justice Booklet](#)

[Pronouncement of Commitment, Ratification of ILO Conventions](#)

[Programme](#)

[National Decent Work Awards](#)

23 April 2009, Hanoi, Viet Nam

Children's Drawing Day held to mark the 90th Anniversary of the ILO, on the theme "Safety and Health at Work, a Basic Human Right"

In support of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work in 2009, and as one in the series of activities to celebrate the 90th birthday of the ILO, the Bureau for SafeWork, Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs in collaboration with the ILO Office in Vietnam, within the framework of the ILO/Luxembourg Project for Enhancing Capacity of OSH Training in Vietnam and Dai Yen Primary School organized a Children's Drawing Day on Occupational Safety and Health. The event aimed to provide 100 pupils from 6 to 11 years old from Dai Yen Primary School a chance to express their thoughts and imagination about safety and health at home and at school and for their parents at work.

Events in Europe

April, EU

Ratification train of ILO Conventions on Health and Safety at Work

23 April 2009, Belgrade, Serbia

90th Anniversary Celebration in Belgrade highlighted by Tripartite sharing of Best Practices and OSH Day Posters in Belgrade Public Transport System.

A celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the ILO brought together representatives of Government and Workers organizations, and guests from Croatia. The celebration included a tripartite conference to share good practices on occupational safety and health (OSH). From 15-30 April posters marking the 90th Anniversary of the ILO and the World Day for Occupational Safety and Health are displayed in trams, buses and trolleys of the public transport system of the City of Belgrade, which serves 1 Million passengers daily.

[Occupational Safety and Health Day, and ILO 90 posters displayed in Belgrade Public Transport](#)

[Occupational Safety and Health Day, and ILO 90 posters displayed in buses in Belgrade](#)

28 April 2009, Madrid, Spain

International Day for Safety and Health on occasion of the ILO 90th Anniversary

The ILO and the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health at Work, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in collaboration with unions and employers' organizations held a tripartite

event to mark the International Day for Safety and Health, where the ILO Director in Spain spoke about the historical role of the ILO in occupational safety and health at work. Mr. Hunt was in the inaugural session and he transmitted the ILO aims in relation with this topic. He explained the Decent Work Agenda and the ILO Declaration on a social justice for fair globalization. 350 guests attended the event. The Secretary of the State for Social Security, D. Octavio Granado, the Technical General Secretary of the Ministry of Manpower and Immigration, D. Esteban Rodríguez Vera, various representatives of the General Union of Workers (UGT) and Workers' Commissions (CC.OO), the Spanish Confederation of Business Organizations (CEOE), the Spanish Confederation of Small and Medium Enterprise (CEPYME) and other institutions attended the event. Also a Safework expert from the ILO, Roberto Ocon, took part on occasion of the ILO 90th Anniversary.

[Seminario del 28 de abril: 90 Aniversario en España](#)

[Photos from the event](#)

28 April 2009, Geneva, Switzerland

Occupational Safety and Health Day celebrations took place at the ILO Headquarters

On April 28th the closing day of the 90th Anniversary week, events took place around the world in support of the World Day for Safety and Health Work. At the ILO Headquarters in Geneva, a panel discussion, film projection and photo exhibit event marked the day. Across the world workers, employers, governments and leading occupational safety and health activists came together to accentuate the necessity of safe and healthy work. Through billboards, marches, musical and theatrical events and high level gatherings, the importance of workers' health and safety was dynamically reaffirmed.

28 April 2009, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Tripartite Roundtable on occasion of the ILO 90th Anniversary and the World Occupational Safety and Health day in Uzbekistan

The roundtable centred on the implementation of a new law regarding occupational accidents and diseases insurance. The combined commemorative day was celebrated by all participants, strengthening close cooperation between the ILO and Uzbekistan and facilitating labour legislation in an important area.