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Global Challenges on OSH

Every 15 seconds, a worker dies from a workrelated accident or disease

Every 15 seconds, 160 workers have a work-related accident

By the end of this day, nearly 1 million workers will suffer a workplace accident

By the end of this day, around 5,500 workers will die from an accident or disease from their work

Shipbreaking

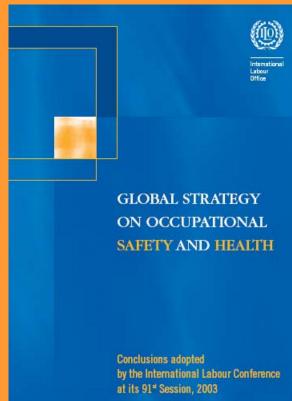


Global Strategy on OSH (2003 ILC Conclusions)

Main Pillars

Preventative Safety and Health Culture

Systems Approach to OSH



Global Strategy on OSH (2003 ILC Conclusions)

- Promotion, Awareness, Advocacy
- ILO Instruments (Standards, Codes)
- Technical Assistance and Cooperation
- Knowledge development/management (CIS)
- International Collaboration

Developing the CIS Centres Network Results of Questionnaire Survey 2003

- Be informed of CIS activities
- Exchange information and good practice
- Share common concerns and solutions
- Learn new information techniques
- Take into account regional concerns
- Network

The network of CIS Centres

• From 11 Centres in 1959 to over 150 Centres in 2009

Austria

Belgium

Denmark

France

Fed. Rep. of Germany

Italy

Netherlands

Norway

Sweden

Switzerland

United Kingdom

Coordination of the CIS Centres 2008 (12 new Centres)

- **▶** Bahrein (Isa Town)
- **Belarus** (Minsk)
- Bosnia-Herzegovina (Rep. Srepska), Banja Luka
- Congo (Kinshasa)
- > Iraq (Baghdad)
- **► Ivory Coast (Abidjan)**
- **≻** Libya (Tripoli)
- ➤ Macedonia (MOSHA) (Skopje)
- > Mauritania (ONMT), (Nouakchott)
- > Russia (OSH training Centre), St Petersburg
- > Saudi Arabia (Salamatec-Al Thiga Found.), Jeddah
- > Senegal (Ministry of Labour), Dakar

Coordination of CIS 2009

- ➤ IOSH (Institution of Occupational Safety and Health), 2009
- > Kuwait (Kuwait Oil Company), Ahmadi

Coordination of the CIS Centres 2009

- Two existing centres (one in Perth (Australia) and one in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) have been revived
- Morocco to transfer the CIS Centres to the Ministry of Labour _Pending
- Saudi Arabia: Althiga Foundation (former Salamatec)
- Three countries expressed interest: Togo (Ministry of Labour), Madagascar (Ministry of Health) and Benin (University of Cotonou)

At the regional level

- Regional meeting in Damascus (with the ILO Beirut Office, Nov 2007)
- European/Med. Regional meeting in Geneva (Sept. 2006, Geneva)
- European Meeting (Sept. 2008, London)
- Latin American Meeting (Buenos Aires, 2007)

Publicity and Promotion (2)

- The World Day on 28 April
- The newly adopted Convention 187 (Promotional Framework Convention)
- The World Congress (triennal event, 11-15 September 2011, Istanbul, Turkey)
- The CIS Newsletter edited by Sheila Pantry and Associates

The way forward...A plan for 2010-2011 A global OSH information exchange system

The regional Centres

 At present, CIS has only 2 Regional Centres (ARLAC in Harare, Zimbabwe (1990) and ALI/ALO in Damascus, Syria (2004))

Develop the Regional Centres Network

The way forward...A plan for 2010-2011 A global OSH information exchange system

The regional Centres

- ➤ ASEAN countries (Asean-OSHnet))
- Latin & North America (Instituto Laboral Andino, ALENA)
- Europe (European Agency)
- Francophone Africa (IAPRP or CRADAT)
- > Slavonic countries
- Nordic countries
- Caribbean countries (Organization of American States, CARICOM, University of West Indies)

The way forward – A plan for 2010-2011

- Develop the regional Centres network
- Ensure that they are well trained (capacity building)
- Ensure that they have a functional, well-designed website
- Organize more regional meetings
- Involve the OSH specialists in the regions

The way forward – A plan for 2010-2011

- Promote the sustainability of CIS Centres
- Ensuring their visibility (CIS logo on website)
- Ask every Centre to have a dedicated CIS box
- Abolish the difference between national and collaborating Centres
- Involve the CIS Centres in core products: ILO Encyclopaedia and other practical tools (training, etc.)

The way forward...A plan for 2010-2011

Involve other institutions such as IALI, ICOH, ASSE, etc.

Increase the number of Labour Inspectorates in the CIS Centres Network

Results of the vote at ILC: C.187





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