An introduction to the ILO Programme on Occupational Safety, Health and the Environment in the Caribbean, 2011

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The Programme - Key points

- Introduction – Caribbean network and programme support staff
- The OSHE programme
- OSHE information and the ILO Caribbean Office website and examples
- Industrial hygiene equipment and requirements
- Training and material development on OSHE
- Group/plenary discussions
- Outline plans and consensus for 2011
Outcomes

- Strengthen the capacity of tripartite stakeholders in the region to develop and implement OSHE programmes at national and enterprise level

- Contribute to national decent work country programmes

- Contribute to environmental sustainability of small developing states

- Strengthen the links between decent working conditions and successful business
Background

- Based on two missions in the region in 2009
- Meeting needs of Tripartite Stakeholders
- High-level support in the region (MOL and ILO)
- High-level support in Geneva
- High-level support for new approach
Key points

- Short, limited time (up to December 2011)
- Limited budget – targeted and cost effective actions
- No CTA based in region but “virtual” office – cost savings for project activities
- Establishment/strengthening of OSHE network using regional expertise
- Using network for activities with full ILO reporting procedures
Beneficiaries

- MOLs - training on enforcement/advisory services and IH equipment
- Employers’ organizations (CEC and affiliates)
- Workers’ organizations/trade unions (CCL and affiliates)
- Labour colleges
- Academic institutions involved in OSHE
- Business schools and others
Types of action

Assisting with:

- Policy development and implementation at national/enterprise levels.
- Support existing tripartite/bipartite OSHE bodies
- Promoting ratification of ILO OSHE related standards
- Training, promotion, advocacy and awareness-raising amongst all stakeholders
- Development of training material
An overview in relation to other countries

- Countries: Vietnam, Nigeria, Bangladesh
- Sectors
- Hazards
Here lies a problem – Not just in the Caribbean but everywhere?

- Most stakeholders have little awareness of the link between OSHE/CSR and productivity.
- Even if they do, they often don’t know what to do to improve the situation at the workplace.
- They need information.
How do workers and employers get the OSHE information? How do we breach the wall?

Workers and Employers

MOL, DOL, IOSH, UWI, CAREC, ILO, PAHO
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- Training courses
- Media (TV, radio etc)
- Leaflets, pamphlets, etc

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Welcome to the Caribbean OSHE Network (COSHE)