

**National Tripartite Workshop on
Development of National Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Programme of Sri Lanka
3 December 2019, Colombo**

Background:

The Government of Sri Lanka, in consultation with employers' and workers' organisations has taken firm steps to promoting Occupational Safety and Health (OSH). Available OSH information was reviewed and compiled and the National OSH Profile was published in 2013. In 2014, the National Safety and Health Policy was adopted. In 2018, a near-final draft of a new OSH Act was prepared aiming to provide OSH protection for all workers and occupations. National tripartite consultations have been held to reflect workers' and employers' views. ILO key OSH instruments, in particular Safety and Health Convention (No 155, 1981) and Promotional Framework for OSH Convention (No 187, 2006) have been applied.

A National Tripartite Workshop on National OSH Programme was held in September 2018. Reflecting the active tripartite discussion results in the workshop, the Department of Labour in cooperation with ILO has developed a draft National OSH Programme.

The proposed workshop aims to provide a tripartite forum for discussing Sri Lanka's first National OSH Programme. It will support tripartite participants to discuss the draft National OSH Programme and finalise the draft.

Objectives of the workshop:

1. To make a tripartite review on the draft National OSH Programme;
2. To finalise and adopt National OSH Programme.

Participants: Around 30 to 40 participants consisting of;

1. Responsible officials from the Ministry of Labour and Trade Union Relations including Secretary, Commissioner General of Labour, Deputy Commissioner of Labour Occupational Health, Deputy Commissioner Occupational Hygiene division, Chief Factory Inspector, and NIOSH Director-General,
2. Leaders of major trade unions and representatives,
3. Director-General of Employers' Federation of Ceylon and representatives,
4. Representatives of Ministry of Health and other relevant ministries,
5. Representatives of OSH specialists, practitioners and related NGOs.

Programme

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0830 - 0900	Registration
0900 - 0920	Inaugural session
0920 - 0940	Refreshments
Presenting draft National OSH Programme	
0940 - 1000	How to finalise National OSH Programme By Tsuyoshi Kawakami, Senior Specialist on OSH and Labour Inspection, ILO Decent Work Team for South Asia
1000 – 1030	Presenting the draft National OSH Programme Part I Outcome 1: Policy-legislative frameworks in OSH strengthened Outcome 2: OSH inspection and enforcement systems improved for better compliance By Representative of DOL, Ministry of Labour
1030 – 1100	Presenting the draft National OSH Programme Part II Outcome 3: Workplace OSH committee activities promoted for voluntary improvements Outcome 4: OSH public awareness, information, training and research promoted By Representative of DOL, Ministry of Labour
1100 – 1145	Presenting the draft National OSH Programme Part III Outcome 5: Special programmes for construction and other hazardous occupations developed and effectively implemented Outcome 6: Occupational accident and disease reporting systems improved Outcome 7: OSH protection extended to small enterprises, informal economy workplaces and the rural, fishery and agricultural sectors By Representative of DOL, Ministry of Labour
Discussions to amend and finalise National OSH Programme	
1145 – 1300	Group discussions to amend the draft National OSH Programme By three groups (Governments, workers and employers)
1300 - 1400	Lunch
1400 - 1540	Presentations of group work results and amendment of the draft National OSH Programme
1540 - 1600	Concluding remarks with regards to time frame towards adoption of National OSH Programme By Commissioner General of Labour, Ministry of Labour
1600	Closing and Refreshments