The COVID-19 global pandemic has affected nearly all areas of life for billions of people around the globe, including profound, unprecedented impacts on the world of work.

In many countries, economic lockdowns and mandatory quarantines have found workers in many sectors transitioning overnight to teleworking arrangements, essential workers adapting to new safety and health protocols, increased amounts of work and many workers forced out of work, among other profound and far reaching impacts. Occupational safety and health, both during and after the pandemic, will be of paramount importance to employers, workers and governments, including ensuring that workplaces are adequately prepared and resilient for any subsequent peaks of infection from COVID-19 as well as future pandemics.

This year’s World Day for Safety and Health at Work, commemorated on April 28th, 2020 focused on the theme “Stop the pandemic: Safety and health at work can save lives” and addressed different facets of responding to outbreaks of infectious diseases at work, specifically focusing on the current COVID-19 pandemic.


The press release titled “Protect workers both now and after lockdowns ease, says ILO” is also available here in 11 languages.

The ILO urged Governments to take action to prevent and control COVID-19 in the workplace, with active involvement and dialogue with employers’ and workers’ organizations. The ILO stressed that conducting risk assessments to ensure workplaces meet strict occupational safety and health criteria is essential.

The courage & commitment of all frontline workers during the #COVID19 crisis is truly inspirational.

We must give them the support they need, and ensure their health & safety at this challenging time.

António Guterres, UN Secretary General
(on the occasion of the World Day for Safety and Health at work 2020)
On the 28th of April 2020, a global expert panel webinar was organised by the ILO and hosted on Zoom with livestreams on YouTube and Facebook. The webinar was viewed by over 12,000 participants from around the world.

The panel of experts included Joaquim Pintado Nunes (Branch Chief, LABADMIN/OSH), Manal Azzi (Senior OSH specialist), Silvana Cappuccio (ILO Workers' Group member, Italy), Kris De Meester (Senior Advisor, Federation of Enterprises, Belgium), Richard Jones (Head of Policy and Regulatory Engagement, Institute of Occupational Safety and Health), Lode Godderis (Leuven Centre for Environment and Health, Department of Public Health and Primary Care), Chris Laszcz-Davis (President, the Environmental Quality Organization), Michelle M. Robertson (CPE, Executive Committee, International Ergonomics Association), Barry Kistnasamy (Department of Health, South Africa) and Teresita S. Cucueco (Department of Labor and Employment, Philippines).

The panelists discussed safety and health at work during the COVID-19 pandemic, the mental health impact of COVID-19 in different work scenarios, but also how to prepare for a return to work. A special focus was given to vulnerable groups and lessons learned for the future. The panelists were prompted by various questions that were sent in by webinar participants from around the world in advance.

In conjunction with the webinar, the ILO also produced products for the World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2020 that were subsequently translated into over 10 local languages by partners around the world. These materials included the following:

- **Poster:** Poster for World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2020
- **Report:** In the face of a pandemic: Ensuring Safety and Health at Work
- **PowerPoint:** PPT Presentation of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2020
- **Think Pieces on COVID-19:** Original and exclusive think pieces on the OSH response to the Covid-19 pandemic from the global OSH community
  - “Good jobs to minimize the impact of Covid-19 on health inequity” by Lode Godderis
  - “Work at the Sharp End: Human factors/ergonomics for protecting healthcare workers and patients” by Sara Albolino and Kathleen Mosier
  - “Work from home: Human factors/ergonomics considerations for teleworking” by Michelle M. Robertson and Kathleen Mosier
  - “The new world battleground with Covid-19: Challenges, partnerships, impact and business” by Chris Laszcz-Davis

Watch the full expert panel discussing OSH and Covid-19 [here](#)
The World Day received global press and social media coverage from around the world.

In addition, a number of international, regional, and national OSH institutes commemorated the day through virtual events with special highlights, offering support to the ILO, its constituents, and OSH practitioners worldwide.
Furthermore, ILO constituents around the world organized **regional and national social media campaigns**, lectures, webinars, virtual dialogues and other various themed events.

Participants in these events included OSH professionals, employers, workers, government officials, students and various other people interested in the topics being discussed. The various webinars included, in some cases, several hundreds or thousands of online participants and viewers.

Regional events and national events included, among others, regional events in the African Continent, the Latin American and Caribbean Region and events hosted in countries across Asia, Europe, Africa, North America, South America and the Pacific Region. While many of these events focused broadly on COVID-19 and health and safety at work, others focused specifically on topics such as youth engagement, healthcare workers, returning to work and the impact of COVID-19 on OSH, among others.

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**Regional and National events**

- **Indonesia take actions to stop the pandemic through OSH**
  
  The world of work is being profoundly affected by the global virus pandemic. It is not the first pandemic, nor is it the only one. Indonesia is one of the countries where the virus has caused the most damage. The Ministry of Social Affairs, together with the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization, have launched a series of initiatives to counteracting the spread of the disease. The government has also launched a series of initiatives to counteracting the spread of the disease. The government has also launched a series of initiatives to counteracting the spread of the disease. The government has also launched a series of initiatives to counteracting the spread of the disease. The government has also launched a series of initiatives to counteracting the spread of the disease.

- **Safety and health at work in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic**

  - **Online webinar: The COVID-19 pandemic and the safety and health of workers**
    
    - **Date:** 20 April 2020
    - **Time:** 2:00 pm ECT
    - **Tools:**
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  - **Webinar:**
    
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- **On World Day for Safety and Health at Work, I call on all countries to assure well-defined, decent and safe working conditions for all health workers.**

  Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,
  WHO Director-General
Regional and national events

- **UK**
  - April 28th, 2020
  - National commemoration of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work
  - Webinar: Ensuring Safety and Health at Work during the pandemic

- **Caribbean**
  - April 28th, 2020
  - Regional Webinar
  - Virtual Round Table

- **Senegal (Dakar), Guinea and Gabon**
  - April 28th, 2020
  - Webinar
  - Tripartite Visio Conference

- **Morocco**
  - April 30th, 2020
  - Webinar
  - Virtual meeting on the World of Work facing COVID-19: how to ensure a safe and healthy workplace

- **Qatar**
  - April 28th, 2020
  - National Event
  - Safety and Health is everyone's responsibility

- **Mainland China**
  - April 28th, 2020
  - Webinar
  - National commemoration of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work

- **Cuba**
  - April 30th, 2020
  - Meeting
  - Ensuring Safety and Health at Work during the pandemic

- **Portugal**
  - April 28th, 2020
  - National commemoration of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work

- **Italy**
  - April 28th, 2020
  - National commemoration of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work

- **Morocco**
  - April 30th, 2020
  - Webinar
  - Virtual meeting on the World of Work facing COVID-19: how to ensure a safe and healthy workplace

- **Bangladesh**
  - April 28th, 2020
  - Webinar
  - National commemoration of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work

- **Cambodia**
  - April 29th, 2020
  - Webinar
  - “Virtual World Day for Safety and Health at Work with the focus on Stop the Pandemic: COVID-19 emergency preparation at the workplace

- **Latin American Region**
  - April 28th, 2020
  - Regional OSH Webinar
  - Virtual Round Table

- **Africa**
  - April 27th-29th, 2020
  - Webinar
  - Saluting healthcare workers in the fight against COVID-19

- **Indonesia**
  - April 29th, 2020
  - National Event
  - Safety and Health is everyone’s responsibility

- **Australia**
  - April 28th, 2020
  - Webinar
  - National commemoration of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work
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