National Programmes and Systems of Occupational Safety and Health

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Background

According to International Labour Organization (ILO) estimates, every year around 2,000,000 workers lose their lives in occupational-related diseases and accidents in the world. Other figures show that workers suffer more than 250 million accidents and more than 180 million work-related ill health each year due to workplace hazards. In addition to this human and social tragedy, the economic losses due to poor working conditions and related accidents and diseases contribute to more than 4% of the world’s Gross National Product.

The huge human suffering and the social and economic costs of occupational accidents and diseases affecting countries should mobilize stakeholders to undertake more determined policies and actions to guarantee occupational safety and health (OSH). Although the national legislation of most countries and the ILO International Standards clearly place the responsibilities on different stakeholders to tackle this problem, low priority and poor results are frequent.

Effectively confronting this problem at national level requires the consideration of various principles (preventive approach, social partners’ participation, institutional coordination, continuous improvement, etc.), and the undertaking of various actions (law enforcement, training, promotion, information gathering, etc.). The successful experience of many countries demonstrates that integrating these principles and actions into a National OSH Policy with a common philosophy and goals, and securing appropriate organization and administration can enhance the efficiency and impact in improving health and safety conditions at work, reducing occupational injuries and diseases. The ILO Occupational Safety and Health Convention (No. 187) and Recommendation (No. 197) adopted by the ILO in 2006. Many developing and industrialized countries are increasingly adopting this ILO strategic approach to OSH, showing significant progress in the way that they manage the OSH at the national level.

The International Training Centre of the ILO, in collaboration with SafeWork (the ILO programme which promotes OSH), organizes this course in Turin to acquaint participants with international guidelines and principles of the ILO and the experience of consolidated and successful national OSH systems and programmes. Although each country presents different problems regarding its national OSH situation and therefore requires different solutions, this course provides useful inputs to participants in the decision-making process for the improvement and development of the OSH governance within their respective countries.

Participants’ profile

This course is aimed at:
- Policy makers, senior officials and advisers from government institutions in charge of the planning, implementation and management of OSH at the national level;
- Workers’ and employers’ representatives involved in the policy-making process on OSH at the national level;
- The programme may also be of interest to other people such as researchers, trainers or consultants in this field.

Objectives

The general objective of this course is to strengthen the capacity of planning, developing and governing the national efforts to improve the OSH. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:
- Explain the ILO principles, concepts and experiences related to National OSH Governance;
- Describe the organizational models and operational arrangements of selected countries for OSH national governance as well as its policies;
- Analyse the needs and requirements of their respective countries for an effective national OSH governance;
- Establish conclusions and recommendations on the feasibility of applying the analysed approaches and experiences to their national and institutional contexts;
- Advise on the formulation, implementation and evaluation of national policies, strategies and programmes with regard to the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases.

Methodological approach

The methodology will be centred on the participants and the learning process, with the support of facilitators. The training methodology will use active methods for learning, making use of the knowledge and the experience of participants, promoting a permanent communication among participants through group work and discussions that will facilitate their own total integration and participation in the course activities.

A permanent monitoring of the learning process will be conducted throughout the training by the course coordinator. At the end of the course, an individual end-of-course evaluation questionnaire will be used to allow participants to express their views about the training experience.

Participation cost and applications

The cost of participation, excluding international air travel, is EUR 3,735 (course fees EUR 2,335 and participant subsistence, EURO 1,400) payable in advance by the participant or his or her sponsoring organization. This covers tuition fees; the use of training facilities and support services; training materials and books; accommodation and full board at the Centre’s campus; and emergency medical care and insurance.

Applications to participate in the course should be done on-line on the following webpage:
https://oarf2.itcilo.org/SHF/A9012026/en

no later than 13 September 2019.

The filled-in application form should be accompanied by a nomination letter from the sponsoring institution indicating how the participant will be financed.

After that date, the course and the selected candidates will be confirmed and the instructions for the advanced payment will be provided.

The payment, cancellation and refund policy of the ITCILO can be consulted on the following website:
http://www.itcilo.org/en/training-offer/how-to-apply
The ILO Turin Centre’s facilities

Located in an attractive park on the banks of the River Po, the Centre’s campus provides a congenial environment in which to live and study.

- It contains 21 pavilions with fully equipped modern classrooms, conference halls and meeting rooms fitted out for multilingual simultaneous interpretation, and a computerized documentation centre linked to various data banks.

The campus has 287 study/bedrooms, all with private bathroom, telephone, free access to internet and cable television. It also has:

- a reception desk open 24 hours a day;
- a restaurant, a self-service canteen and a coffee lounge, all catering for international dietary needs;
- a bank;
- a travel agency;
- a laundry service;
- a post office;
- an internet point;
- a recreation room;
- facilities for outdoor and indoor sports;
- medical service.

Social events are regularly held both on and off campus, so that participants from different cultural backgrounds can make the most of a stimulating international environment.

For more information, please contact:

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