



OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

NATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND SYSTEMS OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

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Information Note

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 160 million workers fall ill 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 all 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. 155) and Recommendation (No. 164), both adopted by the ILO in 1981, provide useful guidance on these issues.

In pursuit of a safe and healthy working environment for all workers, each country has to develop an effective national OSH system as a collaborative effort of the government and social partners. Such a system should consist of various elements including legislation and compliance assurance mechanisms as well as a training and information network. The system needs to be continuously improved through the formulation and implementation of national OSH programmes (medium-term programme of strategies and activities aiming at improving the OSH situation) as guided by the Promotional Framework for 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 experience 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.

LANGUAGE

English

CONTENTS

- The ILO experience: ILO Global Strategy on Occupational Safety and Health, Conventions nos. 155 and 187
- Concepts: OSH national policy, systems, programmes and profiles
- OSH governance: principles, policies and decision-making framework
- The national policy on OSH
- Components of the OSH national system:
 - OSH Legislation: Legal and technical standards
 - Enforcement and ensuring compliance
 - Information and training
 - Awareness raising and promotion of safety culture
 - Technical support and services to the enterprises
 - Research activities: Collection and analysis of data on OSH national situation
 - Employment injury schemes.
- Elaboration of a national OSH profile
- Planning of policies and strategies on OSH
- Procedures to formulate a National Programme on OSH
- Launching, implementation and coordination, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

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.

Participants will also be presented with pertinent documentation as a follow-up to the presentations in order to expand the knowledge about the topics.

A permanent monitoring of the learning process will be conducted throughout the training by the course co-ordinator. 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 3,795** (course fees EURO 2,395 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 **online** on the following webpage: <https://oarf2.itcilo.org/STF/A9013673/en>

no later than 15 June 2021.

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.

CAMPUS LIFE

A THRIVING UNITED NATIONS CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY OF PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

- **Three organizations** from the United Nations system on campus
- **More than 300 training courses** and activities in a stimulating international environment
- **Thousands of participants** from all over the world

ENVIRONMENT AND SURROUNDINGS

Grab a campus bicycle and explore the Turin Centre.

Located in a leafy park on the banks of the Po River, it's a great place for study and collaboration. Experience innovative learning and training methods in modern classrooms equipped with simultaneous translation services.

HOUSING, DINING, AND MORE

Comprising more than 280 private dormitories, the **Turin Campus provides a broad range of services for course participants and partners** including a free-flow restaurant, bank, travel agency, laundromat, post office, gym, medical services and a reception desk open 24/7.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DIVERSITY

Participants can enjoy social events organized by the Turin Centre as well as by their course facilitators.

Whether on or off campus, people from different cultural backgrounds have the opportunity to listen to live music together, cook and share traditional foods, or team up to play games and network.

WITHDRAWAL, CANCELLATION POLICY, AND REFUNDS FOR OPEN COURSES

If an enrolled participant wishes or must withdraw from a course, they may choose to apply to a different course or be substituted by another candidate. The participant must notify the Centre, in writing, of their decision at least 14 days prior to the start date of the course. Cancellation of participation in regular courses will result in the following penalties:

- 14 days or more prior to the start date of the course: No penalty, 100% refund of amount paid less applicable bank charges
- 8 to 13 days prior to the start date of the course: Penalty of 50% of course price, refund of residual amount paid (if any) less applicable bank charges
- 7 days or less prior to the start date of the course: Penalty of 100% of course price.

INFO

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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