



OIC-OSHNET

OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network

Kick-off Meeting

16-17 May 2011

Ankara, Turkey

REPORT

I. THE OIC-OSHNET KICK- OFF MEETING: ORGANISATION AND AIMS

A. Background

In line with the recommendations adopted during the study visit in Ankara in May 2010, and in continuation to the efforts already exerted in the area of occupational health and safety, SESRIC proposed to establish an OIC Network for Occupational Safety and Health (OIC-OSHNET) among similar local, national and regional institutions operating in public and civil domain, in the OIC Member Countries, with the aim of establishing closer cooperation for sharing knowledge and experience, conducting joint research and training, and organising new initiatives, projects and programmes in the field of OSH (for further information on the background of the project, please see Concept Paper at Annex II)

B. Attendance

Organised by SESRIC and ISGUM, the OIC-OSHNET Kick-off Meeting, was held in Ankara, Republic of Turkey, on 16-17 May 2011, with the participation of experts and directors of occupational health and safety, besides deputy secretaries of Ministries of Labor from 15 OIC Member Countries, namely, Albania, Bangladesh, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kyrgyz Republic, Lebanon, Malaysia, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Turkey and United Arab Emirates (for the whole list of participants, please see Annex III).

C. Aims

The objectives of the Kick-off Meeting were:

- a) To increase awareness at national and regional level on the situation of OSH

management, promotion of networking and information sharing amongst stakeholders and creation of partnership for increased investments in OSH;

- b) To establish an international network for systematic sharing of information and experience in OSH issues among professionals,
- c) To enhance knowledge of national and regional institutions on the situation of OSH through the preparation of advocacy papers and reports, production of synergic views and capacity building activities; and
- d) To enhance the capacity of national institutions in OSH related project's formulation and planning and in the facilitation of financial resources mobilization.

III. OPENING OF THE MEETING

In the opening session, Mr. Kasım Özer, Director General of Occupational Health and Safety at the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MoLSS) of Turkey, Mr. Ali İşler, Representative from COMCEC Coordination Office, Dr. Savaş Alpay, Director General of SESRIC, and Mr. Birol Ekici, Deputy Undersecretary of the MoLSS of Turkey, welcomed the gathering and expressed their compliments regarding the establishment of a network among occupational health and safety experts in the OIC Member Countries. All the speakers highlighted the importance of continuing collaboration among the OIC institutions in the field.

IV. WORKING SESSIONS

Working Day I:

SESSION I & II – Chaired by Dr. Ramazan ALTINOK

1. Mr. Ahmet Serdar SEVINC, Expert at ISGUM, made a presentation on the state of occupational health and safety in Turkey.
2. Mr. Alper Yasin OZCELIK, Expert at ISGUM, made a presentation on European Network Education and Training in Occupational Safety and Health (ENETOSH).
3. Mr. Mehmet Fatih SERENLI, SESRIC, made a presentation on SESRIC and OIC-VET Programme.
4. Representatives of Member Countries made presentations on the state of occupational health and safety in their countries.

SESSION III & IV – Chaired by Mr. Mehmet Fatih SERENLI

5. Representatives of Member Countries made presentations on the state of occupational health and safety in their countries.
6. Representatives of Member Countries discussed the implementation framework and governance structure of the project and made some proposals. Proposals included establishing a standard country profile, implementing capacity building programmes, training of youngsters on the importance of occupational health and safety, exchanging of best experiences among countries, potential OIC and non-OIC partners for further collaboration, rotating secretariat between countries, funding of the project on a cost sharing or donor basis and establishing an OSH institute (OIC-OSHNET) as a part of Islamic University of Technology (IUT) at Gazipur, Bangladesh. The Session agreed to discuss in detail during the next session all the proposals and prepare a timeline and task

distribution for the implementation.

Working Day II:

SESSION V & VI – Chaired by Dr. Rana GUVEN

7. Representatives of Member Countries discussed the next steps and action points for the future of the OIC-OSHNET.

IV. CLOSING SESSION

8. The participants expressed appreciation for SESRIC and ISGUM and called for consideration of the following recommendations for future cooperation:

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The participants expressed appreciation for SESRIC and ISGUM and called for consideration of the following recommendations for future cooperation:
 - Establishing an OSH Portal, where knowledge sharing is facilitated.;
 - Developing a draft country profile and collecting the profile of each country;
 - Providing all the support to the SESRIC's OHS Capacity Building Programme;
 - Establishing an expert and institutions database in the field of occupational health and safety;
 - Designation of a National Focal Point for each country;
 - Establishing Network Secretariat rotating between member states every five year, and starting from the MoLSS of Turkey;
 - Determination of potential partners;
 - Updating the concept paper in line with the recommendations adopted; and
 - Preparing draft terms of reference regarding the operating of the OIC-OSHNET to be presented to the Ministers Meeting at the XIX. World Congress on Safety and Health at Work.

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ANNEX I
OIC-OSHNET KICK OFF MEETING
PROJECT SUMMARY

Title	Kick-off meeting for OIC Network for Occupational Safety and Health (OIC-OSHNET)
Description	Organising a meeting for the discussion of implementation framework and action plans for the establishment of OIC-OSHNET, including a site visit to the Turkish Occupational Health and Safety Centre (İSGÜM).
Type	OIC Training Networking (OIC-NETWORKS)
Duration	16-17 May 2011
Language	ENGLISH
Participants	Experts and directors of occupational health and safety from the respective institutions in OIC Member Countries, besides the deputy secretaries of the related Ministries.
Host	Turkish Occupational Health and Safety Centre (İSGÜM) of the Turkish Ministry of Labour and Social Security
Summary & Goals	The aim of the project is to establish an international network for systematic sharing of information and experience in occupational safety and health issues among professionals, to build public awareness of occupational safety and health in OIC Member Countries, as well as to improve the quality of the service in the area.

ANNEX II

OIC-OSHNET CONCEPT PAPER

-Updated according to the Recommendations Adopted at the Kick-off Meeting-

**“OIC NETWORK FOR
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH”
(OIC-OSHNET)**

**AN OIC-NETWORKS PROJECT UNDER THE
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMME
FOR OIC MEMBER COUNTRIES
(OIC-VET)**

Concept Paper

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1.1 General Context

Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) is a programme designed and developed by the Statistical Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) in order to improve the quality of vocational education and training in the public and private sectors with the aim of supporting and enhancing the opportunities for individuals in the Member Countries to develop their knowledge and skills and thus to contribute to the socioeconomic development and competitiveness of the economies.

The OIC-VET Programme was endorsed during the 24th Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (COMCEC) in October 2008 and officially launched at the COMCEC Economic Summit by H.E. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC, in November 2009 with the presence of the Kings and Heads of States and Governments of OIC Member Countries. SESRIC assumes the role of the Executing Organ of the OIC-VET Programme, which has the lead responsibility for the proper implementation and management of the Programme.

The OIC-VET Programme has several operational actions focusing on increasing accessibility and raising the quality of vocational education and training, and provides an opportunity for organizations involved in vocational education and training to build OIC partnerships, exchange best practices, increase the expertise of their staff and develop the skills and competencies of the participants. The Programme covers the training areas included in the national training programmes in the member countries by introducing a transnational perspective in conformity with national priorities.

The implementation of the OIC-VET Programme is structured around organising exchange programmes among professionals, people in labour market and university students, as well as transferring innovative approaches from one country to another and establishing training networks among the relevant institutions. The Programme is open to all types of organisations or entities involved in vocational training, such as vocational schools, universities and centres, research and training centres, central and local governments and administrations, chambers of commerce and industry, NGOs and civil society organisations etc.

1.2 Specific Context

An OIC-VET Project on “Study Visit on Occupational Health and Safety” was jointly organised by SESRIC and Occupational Health and Safety Centre of Turkey (ISGUM) in Ankara, Turkey, on 24-28 May 2010, with the participation of experts and directors of occupational health and safety from 7 OIC Member Countries, namely Azerbaijan, Jordan, Libya, Malaysia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Syria. Additionally, the Arab Labour

Organization (ALO) was also represented at this project.

The main objectives of this project were:

- a) To explore possible ways and means of cooperation and collaboration in the area of occupational health and safety among the related institutions in the OIC Member Countries;
- b) To learn about the occupational health and safety structures in the OIC Member Countries and share knowledge and practices.

Occupational Health and Safety was identified as an extremely important area for the developing countries in general and for the OIC Member Countries in particular. Several discussions were conducted with the representatives of Occupational Health and Safety institutions participating in the study visit, where the participants called, inter alia, for consideration of the following recommendations for future cooperation:

- Design such study visits on a permanent basis;
- Design capacity building programmes for occupational health and safety;
- Establish a network among occupational health and safety institutions in the OIC Member Countries;
- Establish a trainers database in the field of occupational health and safety; and
- Encourage SESRIC and OSH institutions for future cooperation in organising related events in the field of occupational health and safety.

A sideline meeting between ISGUM, SESRIC and ALO was organised during the study visit in Ankara where the representatives of the three institutions discussed several ways and means of potential partnership and expressed willingness to improve their cooperation and collaboration in the field of OSH within the framework of their plans and programmes, including organising a joint regional workshop to proceed its outcomes to XIX World Congress of Safety and Health at Work to be hosted by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey and scheduled to be held in Istanbul in September 2011.

In pursuance to the above recommendations, SESRIC, in collaboration with ISGUM, has developed OIC Capacity Building Programme for OSH and started a survey in order to identify the needs and capacities of OSH institutions in Member Countries for organising short term training programmes. Based upon the responses received from the relevant institutions a number of training programmes have been planned for the period 2010-2011.

In line with the recommendations adopted during the study visit in Ankara in May 2010, and in continuation to the efforts already exerted in the area of occupational health and safety, SESRIC would like to propose establishing an OIC Network for Occupational

Safety and Health (OIC-OSHNET) among similar local, national and regional institutions operating in public and civil domain, in the OIC Member Countries with the aim of establishing closer cooperation for sharing knowledge and experience, conducting joint research and training, and organising new initiatives, projects and programmes in the field of OSH.

2 PROJECT FRAMEWORK

2.1 Impact

The vision of the project is to establish an international network for systematic sharing of information and experience in occupational health and safety issues among professionals, to build public awareness of occupational health and safety in OIC Member Countries, as well as to improve the quality of the service in this area.

2.2 Outcomes and Outputs

Following is identification of the main outcomes and outputs and related actions of the OIC-OSHNET to realise its main objectives:

Outcome: *Support all the stakeholders in achieving a thorough understanding of the current situation at the country and regional level, as well as of the actions that could be undertaken to expand the culture of prevention and thus occupational health and safety.*

Build awareness and bring to policy makers and public at large, the new evidence from partners and the scientific community, on the importance of occupational health and safety in the region.

Develop common quality assurance for education and vocational training on occupational health and safety, and integrate OSH in national training systems in member countries.

Assist the concerned institutions in building their capacity to contribute to advocacy and project formulation and management with regard to occupational health and safety.

Output 1: *Increased awareness at national and regional level on the situation of OSH management, promotion of networking and information sharing amongst stakeholders and creation of partnership for increased investments in OSH*

Activity 1.1: Collate information on legislation, best practices and innovative ideas related to OSH from member countries through a standard country profile document

Activity 1.2: Promote discussion between decision makers (donor community, governments private sector and NGOs) taking previous commitments into consideration

Activity 1.3: Design and publish posters, brochures, information materials, and innovative educational methods

Activity 1.4: Establish partnership agreements, public-private partnerships, bilateral and multilateral cooperation, capacity building programmes and training programmes for youngsters on the importance of occupational safety and health

Output 2: Enhanced knowledge of national and regional institutions on the situation of OSH through the preparation of advocacy papers and reports, production of synergic views and capacity building activities

Activity 2.1: Undertake several papers and reports at national and regional levels

Activity 2.2: Undertake assessments of the situation in all the countries through national studies and dialogue/consultation processes, providing key recommendations, practical lessons, and guidelines for awareness building

Activity 2.3: Organise short and long term capacity building programmes, workshops, seminars and conferences among the stakeholders. Actively participate in the Occupational Safety and Health Capacity Building (OSHCaB) Training Programme of SESRIC.

Activity 2.4: Develop an e-learning application to observe recent developments in the field of occupational health and safety and get information about related topics through the network

Output 3: Established national and regional dialogues and ensured the commitment of international community and private sector to these dialogues

Activity 3.1: Establish a comprehensive database of OSH professionals and network members

Activity 3.2: Develop a database of OSH agencies / organisations operating at national and regional levels

Activity 3.3: Organise national and regional consultations with all stakeholders and launch dialogue sessions on OSH

Activity 3.4: Invite keynote speakers and representatives of organisations, private sector and other major groups to give a concrete contribution to the dialogue platform

Output 4: Enhanced capacity of national institutions in OSH related projects' formulation and planning and in the facilitation of financial resources mobilisation

Activity 4.1: Prepare project sheets for all the projects included in the portfolio and assist countries and institutions in the projects' pre-feasibility study phase.

Activity 4.2: Establish dialogues between bilateral and multilateral donors and the governments for a concrete mobilisation of financial resources targeted to specific projects and programmes.

2.3 Sustainability

With the OIC-OSHNET, it is expected that all the stakeholders involved, including members of the civil society and of the private sector, will generate awareness on the issues of occupational health and safety, enhance their knowledge in the concerned fields and develop a better understanding of the current situation at the country and regional level, and reflect these findings into respective reports.

In particular, one of the objectives of the project will be the implementation of consultative processes which will ensure a strengthened dialogue between all the stakeholders and the formulation of recommendations and concrete actions to tackle the challenges related to occupational health and safety. OIC-OSHNET will provide support for adequate follow-up of the results achieved through the implementation of the suggested actions. Such follow-up will include actions related to all the main themes discussed during the national and/or regional workshops and will serve as an example to be replicated by other countries. Examples of the activities to be conducted as follow-up are:

- Establishment of partnership agreements, bilateral and multilateral cooperation and capacity building programmes;
- Establishment of a follow-up mechanism for the preparation of projects and programmes towards the promotion of the culture of prevention, as well as for the preparation, monitoring and evaluation of action plans for occupational health and safety.

All the follow-up activities indicated will focus on the adoption of technically feasible action plans and on the development of a set of concrete actions providing substantial social benefits to the people.

3 IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

3.1 Institutional Framework and Coordination

The OIC-OSHNET shall be a voluntary, informal and technical network, open to all concerned institutions of the OIC Member Countries, and relevant regional institutions for dialogue, consultations, cooperation and coordination. A Secretariat will be established at the XIX World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, on 11-15 September 2011 during the OIC-OSHNET sideline meeting in order to coordinate the activities of the OIC-OSHNET in close cooperation with the SESRIC. The Secretariat will start from Turkey and rotate among Member Countries every five years. A Draft Terms of Reference will be prepared and presented to the Ministerial Meeting at the XIX World Congress, for further discussion and adoption.

3.2 Stakeholders and Target Beneficiaries:

The stakeholders' list may include the following organisations:

a. Governments

The 57 member countries of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference will be involved in the project.

b. International Community/Multilateral

- Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC)
- Arab Labor Organisation (ALO)
- OIC Development and Cooperation Forum (OIC-DCF)
- Islamic Development Bank (IDB)
- Member Countries will identify some regional and international organizations as potential partners for future projects.

c. Private Sector and Non-Governmental Organisations

Several actors from the private sector and the civil society will be involved throughout the various phases of the project. In particular, the actors to be involved will belong to the following categories:

- OSH oriented NGOs, both national and international
- OSH associations
- OSH companies

A particular attention will be given to the involvement of women's, youth's and children associations and organisations which promote socio-economic advancement of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups of the society. All the aforementioned stakeholders will be primarily involved in process of regional and local stakeholder dialogue and consultations.

The target beneficiaries are on a wide spectrum, ranging from OSH professionals, trainers, and legislation makers to social stakeholders, and the most vulnerable groups of the society, undoubtedly exposed to risks and hazards at work.

3.3 Strategy/Methodology

The strategy of the Project is to deploy a straightforward participatory process involving OSH stakeholders at all levels. A series of consultations will ensure a wide participation, and facilitate a broad information and knowledge sharing among all the stakeholders. In particular, the objective of enhancing the capacity of the countries in the region will be achieved through a series of workshops, which will involve all the stakeholders of the project and representatives from both international organisations and the civil society, with particular emphasis on the private sector, non-governmental organisations and the associations that promote the socio-economic advancement of vulnerable groups of the society (women, young, children). The participants will be identified on the basis of their

involvement in the OSH sub-sectors and will be asked to actively contribute to the workshops through the presentation of sectoral studies and through active discussions which will enable a successful dissemination of information and eventually feed into regional/continental synthesis of results to be realised at a later stage of project development.

3.4 Government Inputs

As the governments are the primary undertakers of the implementation of the Project, the countries will make the following contribution, to the project at no cost, towards successful implementation and achievement of the stated outputs and objects:

- The concerned Ministry will assign a professional staff with decision-making authority to be the contact point between the Network Secretariat and the Government for project implementation, in order to coordinate and assure efficient completion of required activities.
- Essential to the process is to organize national workshops. Thus, the host countries are to play a prominent role in this respect. On behalf of each host country, the relevant Ministry will provide the following resources and support for implementation of the Technical Assistance for the respective Workshop:
 - A senior officer to function as the link between the Government and the Secretariat;
 - Regular support in the implementation and review of project activities and outputs;
 - Administrative support for domestic travel arrangements, clearances for visas and work permits for international consultants (if needed), arrangements for meetings, interviews, data collection, studies, seminars, and workshops.

3.5 Monitoring and Knowledge Sharing

Monitoring of project implementation will be the primary responsibility of a staff member from the Secretariat who will coordinate and supervise all the related activities. Moreover, he/she will work in close collaboration with the SESRIC and concerned governments in the coordination and preparation of events contributing to the implementation process.

The concerned institutions in each country, furthermore, will play a critical role in the monitoring of the project, particularly regarding indicators such as the degree of participation of national actors in consultations, the number of communication sections and meetings held, the timeliness in implementation. All project activities will be reported by a nominated expert.

3.6 Finance

Since the network is a voluntary and informal technical forum for dialogue, consultations, cooperation and coordination, the execution of the Project principally relies upon self-financing of the participating agencies. However, the network will seek

funding from bilateral and multilateral donors and the governments for some identified and concrete activities targeted to specific projects and programmes.

ANNEX III
PROGRAMME OF THE OIC-OSHNET KICK-OFF MEETING

Day 1: Sunday, 15 May 2011

Arrivals and welcome

18:00 Welcome Reception

19:00 Opening Dinner

Day 2: Monday, 16 May 2011

Introducing OIC Network for Occupational Safety and Health (OIC-OSHNET)

09:30 Registration

10:00 Opening Session

- -Keynote Speech

Director General of OSH of Turkey, Kasım ÖZER

Representative from COMCEC Coordination Office, Ali İŞLER

Director General of SESRIC, Dr. Savaş ALPAY

Deputy Undersecretary of MoLSS, Birol EKİCİ

- Opening statements

- Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme

10:30 Break

11:00 Chairman: Dr. A.Ramazan ALTINOK (Head of e-Government Advisory Group)

Session I: Setting the scene

SESRIC Presentation, Directorate General of OSH Presentation, Participant Country Presentation
(5 Minutes for each country)

Session II: OIC-OSHNET Project Framework

12:15 Lunch

13:30 Chairman: Mehmet Fatih SERENLİ (Consultant to Training and Technical Cooperation
Department, OIC Ankara Centre - SESRIC)

Session III: Implementation and Management Arrangements

Session IV: Governance and Execution Process

14:30 Break

15:00 Contd. Session III & Session IV

15:50 Wrap-up (5-10 minutes)

16:45 Departure for social programme

19:30 Dinner

Day 3: Tuesday, 17 May 2011

Looking Ahead

10:00 Chairman: Dr. Rana Güven (Deputy Director General of OSH)

Session V: Potential project proposals

Session VI: Next steps and action points

11:00 Break

11:30 Contd. Session V & Session VI

12:30 Closing Session

- Any other business

- Date and venue of the First Meeting of the OIC-OSHNET

- Adoption of the Meeting Report

- Closing Statements

13:00 Lunch

-Departure for visit to İSGÜM facilities and social programme

ANNEX IV

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS TO OIC OSHNET KICK- OFF MEETING, 16-17 MAY, ANKARA

1. **REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA:** *Mr Vasil Dodi* - Head of Labor Relations, Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, and Equal Opportunities of the Republic of Albania
2. **PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH:** *Mr Md. Abdul Kayum Sarder* - Additional Director of Labour(Deputy Secretary to the Government), Ministry of Labour and Employment
3. **ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT:** *Mr Mohammed Sayed Madkour* – Expert of Occupational Health and Safety, Ministry of Manpower and Migration
4. **REPUBLIC OF IRAQ:** *Ms Hayfaa Abed Ibrahim AL-Ani* – Senior Chief Chemist- Central Organization for Standardization and Quality Control (COSQC)
5. **HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN:** *Mr Ayman Mansour Theeb Al Khawaldeh* - Head of Occupational Safety and Health Department, Ministry of Labor
6. **KYRGYZ REPUBLIC:** *Mr Janysh Alimbaev* – Director of the State Inspection of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Migration
7. **REPUBLIC OF LEBANON:** *Dr Assaad Michel El Khoury* - Director of Preventive Medicine at Ministry of Public Health
8. **MALAYSIA:** *Dr Johari Bin Basri* - Director General, Department of Safety and Health, Ministry of Human Resources
9. **KINGDOM OF MOROCCO:** *Dr Ahmed Sabiri* - Deputy Head of Laborers Health Authority, Department of Epidemiology & Disease Fighting, Ministry of Health
10. **SULTANATE OF OMAN:** *Dr Issa Al Shuaili* - Head of Occupational Health Section (DEOH), Ministry of Health & *Dr Mohamed Al Salti*, Occupational Health Department
11. **STATE OF PALESTINE:** *Mr Ayoub Mahmoud Ahmad Rabi* - Director of inspection and labor protection, Ministry of Labour
12. **ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN:** *Mr Syed Muhammad Mustafain Kazmi* - Joint Secretary (Labour Welfare), Ministry of Labour & Manpower
13. **REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL:** *Dr Mandiaye Loume* – Technical Health Inspector, Ministry of Health and Prevention
14. **REPUBLIC OF TURKEY:** *Mr. Birol Ekici* – Deputy Undersecretary of Turkish Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MoLSS), *Mr. Kasım Özer* – Director General of Occupational Health and Safety, *Dr. Rana Güven* – Deputy Director General of Occupational Health and Safety, *Ms. Çiğdem Ünal* – Manager of Occupational Health and Safety Centre, *Mr. Nihat Eğri* – Occupational Health and Safety Expert, *Ms. Suna Ahioğlu* – Occupational Health and Safety Expert

15. **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: MR Dr Ibrahim Ali Ahmed Al Qadi** - Consultant "A"
Internal(Tropical) Medicine, Director of Preventive Medical Practice Department,
Ministry of Health
16. **COMCEC: Mr Ali İşler and Mr Mehmet Fidan**, Representatives of COMCEC Coordination
Office
17. **SESRIC: Dr Savaş Alpay** – Director General of SESRIC, **Mr Nabil Dabour** – Acting
Director of Training and Technical Cooperation Department and Director of Research
Department, **Mehmet Fatih Serenli** – Advisor to the Director General of SESRIC, **H.
Melek Ateş Taşcı** – Researcher at Training and Technical Cooperation Department ,
Hatice İlbay Söylemez – Researcher at Training and Technical Cooperation Department,
Neslihan Arslan – Researcher at Training and Technical Cooperation Department

ANNEX V

RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT THE KICK- OFF MEETING OF OIC OSHNET 16 - 17 MAY 2011

ANKARA TURKEY

Following recommendations have been adopted at the Kick off Meeting of the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network with the participation of representatives of OIC Member Countries, SESRIC and COMCEC.

	Task	Description	Responsible	Timeline
1.	Establishing an OSH Portal, where knowledge sharing is facilitated.	Representatives from the Member Countries agreed on the recommendation for establishing an OIC Portal	SESRIC	Until 30 June 2011
2.	Developing a country profile standard and collecting the profile of each country	Representatives from the Member Countries agreed on the recommendation that a standard form to put on the web site and filled by Member countries. According to the recommendations coming from Member Countries, the form will be updated and filled by the countries.	SESRIC – MoLSS of Republic of Turkey- OSH Centers of the Member Countries	Putting the first draft on the portal until 30 June 2011 - Taking the recommendations of the Member Countries on the draft form till 30 July 2011 and countries will fill the forms and submit on 30 August 2011
3.	Providing all the contribution for the organization of capacity building programs in the field of OSH among OIC member countries,	Representatives agreed on the recommendation for filling and handing over the questionnaires and participating in the training programs	OSH Centres of Member Countries & SESRIC	Until the end of June 2011
4.	Establishing an expert and institutions database	Representatives agreed on the recommendation that each country would put the	OSH Centres & SESRIC	Till 30 June 2011, put a section on institution and expert database to the portal and

		contact information of the related OSH institution to this database		Member Countries will fill and submit their information till and also after the XIX World Congress
5.	Identifying a National Focal Point for each country	Representatives agreed on the recommendation that the OSH related Ministries of each Member Country will designate a National Focal Point for the OIC OSH Network and communicate it to SESRIC	SESRIC & OSH Centres of the Member Countries	For the Member Countries attending to the Kick off meeting, they will submit their nomination to the SESRIC until the end of July 2011 For the remaining OIC Member Countries, SESRIC will send the correspondence until 15 June and request their official nomination until XIX World Congress
6.	Secretariat rotating between member states every five year	Representatives of the Member Countries agreed on the recommendation that secretariat will rotate every five year and the first secretariat to be Turkey, however, the exact duration and country to be decided on the XIX World Congress	MoLSS of the Republic of Turkey	To be decided at the XIX World Congress
7.	Determination of potential partners	Representatives of the Member Countries has agreed on the recommendation for making an analysis of the potential	SESRIC and MoLSS	End of June for the preparation of the draft list to be put on the portal and End of July for getting recommendations from Member

		international, regional and intra-OIC partners and preparing a list of potential partners to be discussed at the XIX World Congress		Countries to discuss the draft list at XIX World Congress
8.	Updating the concept paper in line with the recommendations adopted	Representatives agreed on the recommendation that the Concept Paper will be revised and a draft Terms of Reference will be prepared	SESRIC – MoLSS of the Republic of Turkey	Concept Paper to be revised in line with the recommendations adopted at the Kick off meeting until the end of June and a notification will be sent to the Related Ministries Draft ToR to be prepared and uploaded to the Portal until the end of August 2011
9.	Terms of Reference		Member Countries	To be discussed at the XIX World Congress

ANNEX VI

OPENING STATEMENT DELIVERED BY DR. SAVAŞ ALPAY, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SESRIC AT THE OPENING OF THE OIC-OSHNET KICK-OFF MEETING

16-17 May 2011

Ankara, Turkey

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

AssalamuAlaykum we Rahmatullahi we Barakatuhu

It gives me a great honour to address this important gathering on the occasion of the inauguration of the OIC Network for Occupational Safety and Health, which we have the pleasure to organise it jointly with the Turkish Centre of Occupational Health and Safety of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey in Ankara.

At the outset, I would like to thank you all for accepting the invitation and designating time to attend this very important meeting. Our special thanks go to the Turkish Centre of Occupational Health and Safety for their logistic support provided to the participants in facilitating this important event.

As we are all aware, the issue of occupational health and safety has been on the agenda of many countries in the world more than half a century. Promotion and maintenance of the highest degree of physical, mental and social well-being of workers in all occupations, the prevention of workers in their employment from risks resulting from factors adverse to health and the placing and maintenance of the worker in an occupational environment adapted to his physiological and psychological capabilities constitute the core of occupational health and safety. However, while the main goal of occupational health and safety programs is to foster a safe work environment for workers, it may also aim to protect co-workers, family members, employers, customers, suppliers, nearby communities, general environment and other members of the public who are impacted by the workplace environment. Therefore, occupational health and safety is not only a major issue for work, but also an integral part of civil life and welfare of the society by affecting quality of lives of people that are somehow exposed to the same environment.

Islam naturally puts a great importance on well-being of employees, not only in terms of just payment and equity but also in terms of ideal working conditions. Employers should not make their employees to work so hard or in such miserable conditions that their health deteriorate or their ability to participate in social life and to enjoy their income will be affected negatively. Employers should not put tasks on the employees that are beyond their capacity or should provide them with sufficient help. In the hadith, the Prophet advises employers to consider their employees as their brothers by stating further "... and do not burden them with what overpowers them. If you do so, then help them" (Bukhari and Muslim). Therefore, as we all acknowledge, main issues of occupational health and safety discipline would be fully in conformity with the spirit of Islamic teachings.

In this context, and in an attempt to enhance our efforts, at SESRIC, to develop the human capacity of relevant institutions towards establishing healthier and safer work places in our member countries, we have launched a capacity building programme on occupational health and safety in 2010. The programme is based on the analyses of the needs and capacities of the member countries in the field of Occupational Health and Safety, through the responses of the related questionnaires, and matching these needs and capacities through sending experts among these countries to offer the needed training programmes.

In this connection, I would like to express our readiness at SESRIC to strengthen our cooperation with the occupational health and safety institutions of our member countries and we are confident that only with your support and encouragement, we can extend and enrich our training programmes for more benefits to our member countries in this important area.

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am very pleased to inform you that this significant network we are establishing will be the first network under the Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries, namely OIC-VET.

As you may already know, the OIC-VET Programme is a programme designed and developed by SESRIC in order to improve the quality of vocational education and training in the public and private sectors with the aim of supporting and enhancing the opportunities for individuals in member countries to develop their knowledge and skills and thus to contribute to the socio-economic development and competitiveness of the economies.

The OIC-VET Programme was developed to establish closer cooperation among member countries in meeting today's developmental challenges by providing opportunities for organisations to build OIC partnerships, exchange best practices, increase the expertise of their staff and develop the skills and competencies of the participants. I believe that through close cooperation and networking among member countries, the OIC-VET Programme will establish a larger community of beneficiaries.

As you may already know that the OIC-VET Programme was launched by H.E. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of COMCEC during the COMCEC Economic Summit held in Istanbul on 9 November 2009, with the participation of the heads of states and governments. First project of OIC-VET was jointly organized again by SESRIC and ISGUM in Ankara, on 24-28 May 2010, where it was recommended to design study visits on a permanent basis, to design capacity building programmes in the field, to establish a trainers database and networks among the institutions in the field and to encourage SESRIC and occupational health and safety organizations for future cooperative activities.

After a year, at the point where we stand today, depending upon the request of member countries, four training programmes under Occupational Health and Safety Capacity Building Programme have been accomplished with the support of Member Countries. And today, in line with the recommendations adopted during the study visit in Ankara a year ago, an OIC Network for Occupational Safety and Health (OIC-OSHNET) among similar local, national and regional

institutions in the OIC Member Countries is being kicked-off as a long term mutual cooperation among member countries. Together, we are giving the start of OIC-OSHNET today, in Ankara.

This kick off meeting, I believe, will set the ground to establish an international network for systematic sharing of information and experience in occupational health and safety issues among professionals, to build public awareness of occupational health and safety in OIC Member Countries, as well as to improve the quality of service in this area. It will solidify the existing relationships between occupational health and safety centres in OIC member countries in order to help them produce a better outcome in providing enhanced services to the individuals in their countries. Therefore, we hope that our gathering here will take place in a fruitful and most productive atmosphere.

It is my hope that open and inclusive dialogue will be the hallmark of this meeting and its concrete outcome will pave the way for future collaborations. I am confident that the work you are about to accomplish would, ultimately, approximate and contribute significantly to the collective welfare for the OIC Member Countries. As we all look forward to the successful outcome of this network project, I wish you all the success in your deliberations.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Wassalamu Alaykum we Rahmatullahi we Barakatuhu