

Training Course on “Occupational Security and Health Structures”

Welcoming Remarks

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Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

ASA and Very Good Afternoon

- I am pleased to welcome you all to this training course on “**Occupational Security and Health Structures**”, which we, at SESRIC, are proud to organize it within the framework of SESRIC Occupational Safety and Health Capacity Building Programme (OSHCaB).
- At the outset, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to H.E. Mr. Habib NOUAIGUI, Director General of the Tunisian Occupational Health and Safety Institute for accepting our invitation and nominating Mr. Houcine Baccouche, Chief Engineer and Training Manager, to provide this important training course for the benefit of participants from the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Administrative Reform of the Republic of Togo.
- My deep thanks and appreciation are also extended to H.E. Mr. Douamenyo K. MAWUSI, Director General of the Directorate General of Labour at the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Administrative Reform of Togo for

accepting our proposal to organize this training course online for the benefit of the staff in the Directorate General of Labour.

- After receiving an official letter from the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Administrative Reform of Togo requesting a capacity building training in the area of occupational safety and health for the benefit of their respective staff, we, as SESRIC, have initially planned to organize this training course physically as usual by sending an expert to Togo. However, due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and in an attempt to respond to this extraordinary situation, we decided to conduct this training course online instead of postponing it to another date.
- As we all know, the developments over the last two decades in the field of occupational safety and health have played a crucial role for the well-being of workers, employers and the society in general. A well-structured occupational safety and health system that includes good policies, standards, records, and clear rules and regulations is essential in workplaces in order to maintain a safe working environment.
- Decent and safe workplaces are unique elements to ensure the sustainability and well-being of societies. Ensuring continuous improvements in working conditions and promoting the rights of workers for a safe and healthy working environment are recently recognised as one of the fundamental human rights. This has been has been also clear under Goal 8 of the SDGs of the 2030 Global Development Agenda and Goal 2.9 of the OIC 2025 Programme of Action.

- In this respect, 10 years ago, we at SESRIC have initiated the Occupational Safety and Health Capacity Building Programme (OSHCaB) with the aim of supporting the efforts of our member countries in improving workplace safety and health. Within the framework of this programme, we organise capacity-building activities for the benefit of the national occupational safety and health institutions in our member countries with a view to strengthening their OSH systems. Based on the existing needs and capacities of these institutions, this is usually done through different modalities such as short-term training courses (like this one), training workshops and study visits.
- I believe that this training course, which aims to provide insights into the standards, principles and approaches of occupational security and health structures, will make a positive impact and add value to the work and expertise of the participants.
- Before concluding, I would like to thank you all once again and wish you a fruitful exchange of experiences and a successful training throughout the upcoming days.

Thank you, Wassalamualeykum.