



FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ

4TH MEETING OF THE OIC OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH NETWORK (OIC-OSHNET)

07-08 OCTOBER 2020

The 4th Meeting of the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET) was conducted virtually on 07-08 October 2020 with the participation of National Focal Points (NFPs), the Secretariat and the OIC Technical Coordinator,

Referring to the First Session of Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers held during the 19th World Congress of Safety and Health at Work on 10 September 2011 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, during which the establishment of OIC-OSHNET was welcomed;

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the Islamic Conference of Labor Ministers (ICLM) on occupational safety and health and the instigation of the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection, which was adopted by the Second Session of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers,

Reiterating the importance of human and institutional capacity building, sharing knowledge, experience and best practices among OSH Institutions of the OIC Member States in line with the resolutions of relevant OIC fora including 3rd and 4th Session of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers;

Taking into consideration the principles and objectives set forth in Goal 2.9.15 of the “OIC-2025 Programme of Action” and Goal 8 of the “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals” that promote safe and secure working environments for all workers as an essential component of decent work;

Recognizing the necessity of a well-structured occupational safety and health (OSH) systems at national levels that includes good policies, standards, records and clear rules and regulations in order to maintain decent and safe work places;

Supporting the implementation of the General Guidelines on Occupational Safety and Health, which was endorsed by the 3rd Session of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers;

Acknowledging the recommendations and outcomes of the previous meetings of the OIC-OSHNET as well as in-depth presentations of the Meeting that focused on the role of occupational safety and health in the implementation of the OIC Labour Market Strategy 2025 and implemented activities since the inception of the OIC-OSHNET;



1. **Recognises** the importance of raising awareness on OSH in OIC Member States through establishing collaboration and cooperation and conducting joint projects and exchange of best practices among national OSH institutions in the OIC Member States;
2. **Encourages** national OSH Institutions of the OIC Member States to participate in development, elaboration and implementation of activities within the framework of the OIC-OSHNET with the aim of improving the quality of OSH services and standards;
3. **Calls upon** national OSH Institutions of the OIC Member States, which have not done so, to notify the Secretariat and the OIC Technical Coordinator of the OIC-OSHNET about the details of their National Focal Points (NFPs) at their earliest convenience;
4. **Commends** the efforts of SESRIC in launching the new version of the OIC-OSHNET Portal which was initiated and hosted by the Centre as an active platform and knowledge hub for all national OSH institutions and professionals in the OIC Member States;
5. **Encourages** all national OSH institutions in the OIC Member States to, regularly, visit the OIC-OSHNET portal in order to update and enrich its content;
6. **Adopts** the Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the OIC-OSHNET which was discussed and elaborated during the 4th Meeting of the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network;
7. **Endorses** the OIC-OSHNET Work Plan 2021-2022 which was proposed, reviewed and adopted during the 4th Meeting of the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network;
8. **Calls on** the Secretariat of the OIC-OSHNET to develop OSH country profile standard to be filled by the NFPs of the Network until the end of 2020;
9. **Recommends** the Secretariat of the OIC-OSHNET, in collaboration with the OIC Technical Coordinator, to establish closer cooperation with relevant OSH Institutes, networks and international organizations like ASEAN-OSHNET, JICA, IsDB and ILO;
10. **Takes note** of the emerging needs of newly established OSH institutions in the OIC Member States and **encourages** the OSH Institutions, which have the capacity, to mobilise their available resources for addressing these needs;
11. **Provides** all forms of joint support for the cause of Palestine, including training and capacity building for Palestinian workers and officials to improve the OSH level of the State;
12. **Expresses** its appreciation to the Directorate General of Occupational Safety and Health (DGOSH) of the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Services of the Republic



of Turkey for assuming the role of Secretariat of the Network since its establishment and for organizing the 4th Meeting of OIC-OSHNET in close collaboration with the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), the OIC Technical Coordinator of the Network;

13. **Requests** the Secretariat of the OIC-OSHNET, in collaboration with the OIC Technical Coordinator, to convene the 5th Meeting of the OIC-OSHNET in 2022 in Turkey and an online convention of the NFPs in 2021 to evaluate and monitor the progress of the implementation of the Work Plan of the Network.

