

Training Course on “Inspection Services for Occupational Safety and Health”

Welcoming Remarks

Director General of SESRIC

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Distinguished Participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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- I am pleased to welcome you all to this training course on “Inspection Services for Occupational Safety and Health”. We organize this course within the framework of SESRIC Occupational Safety and Health Capacity Building Programme (OSHCaB).
- Let me, at the outset, express my sincere thanks and appreciation to H.E. Mr. Habib NOUAIGUI, Director General of 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 Labour in charge of Administrative Reform of Djibouti.

- My deep thanks and appreciation are also extended to H.E. Mr. Abdallah Ali MOHAMED, Secretary General of the Ministry of Labour in Charge of Administrative Reform of Republic of Djibouti for accepting our proposal to organize this training course online for the benefit of the staff of their Esteemed Ministry.
- I would like also to thank H.E. Mr. Cafer UZUNKAYA, Director General, Directorate General of Occupational Safety and Health of the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Services of the Republic of Turkey, for being with us today. As you may recall, the Directorate General of Occupational Safety and Health of Turkey is assuming the role of the Secretariat of the OIC-OSHNET.
- The OIC-OSHNET has been initiated in 2011 as a cooperation platform gathering the national OSH institutions in OIC member countries with a view to facilitating the share and exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices among these institutions. OIC-OSHNET has been welcomed by the 1st OIC Conference of Ministers of Labour in 2011. So far, three meeting have been convened, the last of which, was in April 2018.
- Together with the Directorate General of Occupational Safety and Health of Turkey, the Secretariat of the OIC-OSHNET, SESRIC, in its capacity as the OIC coordination institution of OIC-OSHNET, is

currently preparing for organizing the 4th meeting of this important Network to be convened virtually on 9-10 September this year. The objectives of this meeting will include, among others, reviewing and discussing the activities that have been implemented so far under the umbrella of this Network, activating the work of the OIC-OSHNET through discussing and adopting new Rules of Procedures of the and the two-year Work Plan (2020-2022) for this important Network.

Dear Participants,

- This training course has been initially planned to be organized physically as usual by sending an expert to Djibouti. However, due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, 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 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, SESRIC has 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, we organize these activities 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 fundamentals of health and safety at work, the management of emergency measures plan, evacuation and emergency response

procedures, will make a positive impact and add value to the work and experience 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.