

CONCEPT NOTE AND DRAFT PROGRAMME

TECHNICAL DIALOGUE: Effective governance of occupational safety and health through labour administration. Models and options

1 hour-45 minutes Webinar

25 May 2023

ROOM VI

I. Introduction

In June 2022 the International Labour Conference (110th Session) adopted the Resolution on the inclusion of a safe and healthy working environment in the ILO's framework of fundamental principles and rights at work. In November 2022 the Governing Body requested the Office to prepare proposals and a roadmap for the review of the Global Strategy on Occupational Safety and Health adopted at the 91st Session of the Conference and the promotion of a safe and healthy working environment as a new fundamental principle and right at work for its 347th Session ([GB.347/INS/7](#)).

One of the pillars proposed for the reviewed global strategy consists of promoting and ensuring an effective governance of OSH. Different models and options exist for the national governance of safety and health at work, namely in terms of policy and programme formulation and functioning of the different elements of a national system for occupational safety and health. ILO standards do not propose a specific model, but they are clear that the system should include "an authority or body, or authorities or bodies, responsible for occupational safety and health, designated in accordance with national law and practice" (Article 4, 2 of Convention No. 187). Most (though not all) the functions that should be part of the system are most often under the scope of action of labour administration. Indeed, one of the main functions of labour administration institutions concerns the development and enforcement of regulations on OSH, as well as the formulation and support to employers/workers active involvement on OSH policy setting and workplace cooperation.

The Office is preparing a General Survey on labour administration which will be discussed at the International Labour Conference in 2024. The General Survey will review, among other subjects, the role of labour administration in the management of OSH matters, coordination with other government bodies, as recent developments namely as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Both documents under preparation, the reviewed global OSH strategy and the General Survey on labour administration converge in the need for more in-depth knowledge and exchanges on how the national governance of OSH happens in practice in Member States, different options and their benefits and bottlenecks.

The purpose of the webinar is to exchange on comparative experiences of countries in which labour administrations plays the role of national authority in charge of OSH and how this duty is discharged. Focus will be given to the options through which Member States established their national systems for OSH and the role of social partners and social dialogue in the governance of such systems. The event will assist to identify good practices and common challenges that will inform later work of the Office in providing assistance to constituents for the realization of safe and healthy working environments. At the same time it will inform the audience of the diverse modalities through each the governance of OSH can be operated.

2. Objectives

The webinar will reinforce the role of the ILO concerning the promotion of institutions of work and will inform constituents of current trends and options for implementation of Conventions No. 150, 155 and 187 and in particular on how national systems of labour administration and occupational safety and health converge on the mutual objective of safeguarding health and life of workers.

3. Programme – 13H00 to 14H45

Languages: English, French and Spanish

Hybrid (ILO participants in-person)

13.00-13:02	2 min	Welcome Moderator	Olena Vazhynska, ITC-ILO
13.02-13.06	4 min	Opening remarks	Vera-Paquete Perdigão, Director, Governance and Tripartism Department

13.06-13.12	5 min	<p>The national governance of OSH and labour administration - Setting the scene</p> <p>Brief introduction to the meaning of OSH governance, common requirements of labour administration systems and OSH national systems, how these intersect, and why are they relevant based on ILS and national experiences. The introduction sets the scene to the panel discussions.</p>	Joaquim Pintado Nunes, Branch Chief, LABADMIN/OSH
13.15-14:00	45 minutes	<p>Round table 1: How are countries governing OSH, what is the role played by labour administrations and how is coordination ensured with other parts of the system</p>	
13:15-13:22	7 minutes	<p>Overview of ILO Convention No. 150 and Recommendation 158, comparative practice on the national OSH authority</p>	Arsenio Fernandez, Sr. Specialist on LA, LABADMIN/OSH
13:22-13:52	Each: 10 minutes (30 in total)	<p>Government speakers provide an overview of their systems addressing the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal framework. • Institutional framework. • Enforcement mechanisms, in particular labour inspection 	<p>Pedro Contador Abraham Jefe de la Asesoría Legislativa y Seguridad Laboral Subsecretaría de Previsión Social Ministerio del Trabajo y Previsión Social-CHILE</p> <p>Engineer (Er.) Ho Siong Hin Senior Director, International Workplace Safety and Health and Vice Dean (School of Regulation) of Ministry of</p>

13:52-14:00	12 minutes	Q&A	Manpower-SINGAPORE Mme Salima Admi, Directrice du Travail au Ministère de l'Inclusion Économique de la Petite Entreprise de l'Emploi et des Compétences- MAROC
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14:00-14:40	40 min	Round table 2: OSH governance and social dialogue, the two sides of a coin	
14:00-14:05	5 minutes	Relevance of social dialogue for effective labour administration and OSH, with reference to ILS and recent research	Youcef Ghellab, Head of Unit Social Dialogue
14:05-14:25	Each 10 minutes	One employer and worker representative inform of how employers and workers organizations participate on the governance of OSH on their countries and why is this relevant, giving practical examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on the national advisory body on OSH-related issues • Other means of participation of social partners 	tbd Trade Union Comisiones Obreras- ESPAÑA Kris De Meester Fédération des Entreprises de BELGIQUE
14:25-14:40	15 minutes	Q&A	
14:40-14:45	3 min	Concluding remarks	J. Pintado Nunes