

CONCEPT PAPER
ASEM-OSH WORKSHOP ON
NATIONAL OSH STRATEGIES
Yogyakarta, 12 – 13 October 2011

Background

The 2nd Asia – Europe Meeting (ASEM) LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT MINISTER’S CONFERENCE (ASEM LEMC) that was held in Indonesia in 2008, adopted The Bali Declaration on More and Better Jobs – Strategic Cooperation to Promote Decent Work and Global Labour Markets to our Mutual Benefit. In line with the constructive dialogue, the declaration recommended the conduct of projects to improve the exchange of experiences, expertise and good practice as well as enhance capacity building through technical cooperation. One identified area was on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) and ***Indonesia and Singapore were selected as Project Leaders for the OSH project.*** Accordingly, Indonesian and Singapore will be co-organising an ASEM OSH workshop focusing on sharing good practices and experiences in the development and implementation of national OSH strategies.

Rationale and Objectives

To achieve sustained continuous improvements in OSH standards, there is a need to take a long term approach. Therefore, there is a global push towards building national OSH strategies. ILO introduced Convention 187 on Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health in 2006 with this in mind and many countries have since ratified this convention. Concurrently, many countries had also updated or developed new national OSH strategies in recent years to drive further improvements. Accordingly, Indonesia and Singapore would be holding an “ASEM OSH Workshop on National OSH strategies” to share experiences between the two regions.

The objectives are:

- (a) to share good practices and experiences among ASEM Partners in developing and implementing national OSH strategies; and
- (b) to explore areas for OSH technical cooperation among ASEM Partners.

Workshop Format

Selected countries have been tentatively identified to give a presentation of up to a maximum of 20 minutes to share their current OSH landscape and national OSH strategies. Other interested countries are also be welcomed to submit presentations for the workshops. A chair will be appointed to introduce and wrap up each session. A key expected outcome from the workshop is a report outlining possible areas for OSH technical cooperation among ASEM partners.

Expected Participants, Resources Persons and Language of the Workshop

“ASEM OSH Workshop on National OSH Strategies” is expected to be attended by Senior Officials of Labour and Employment Ministries of ASEM Partners, especially those involved in managing OSH. Resource persons from the International Labour Organization (ILO) and other prominent experts will also be invited to share their views on Occupational Safety and Health strategies.

Language of the workshop is English.

Date, Venue and Tentative Program of the Workshop

The Workshop is scheduled to be held on 12-13 October 2011 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The tentative program of the workshop is attached.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

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YOGYAKARTA – INDONESIA

Day 1, 11 Oct 2011

Arrival of delegates in Yogyakarta

Day 2, 12 Oct 2011

08.00 – 08.30

Registration

08.30 – 09.30

Opening Session

Introductory Remarks by Mr. Ho Siong Hin,
Commissioner for Workplace Safety and Health,
Ministry of Manpower of Singapore

1. Speech Address by Asia Partner (ASEAN & NESHA)
2. Speech Address by European Representative
(European Commission)
3. Keynote Speech by Minister of Manpower and
Transmigration of Indonesia
4. Group photograph

09.30 – 09.45

Tea/coffee break

09.45– 10.45

ILO (ILO Convention 187 on Promotional Framework for
OSH, Recent Issues and Implementation of ILO
Guidelines)

ASEAN-OSHNET (Implementation of National OSH
Strategies Accordance with ASEAN- OSHNET
Perspective)

EU-OSHA (Relationship between EU Member States'
strategies and the EU OSH Strategy)

10.45 – 12.15

**Development and Implementation of National OSH
Strategies in Asia (Part 1)**

Chairman by **Norway (tbc)**
Presentation by **Indonesia, Singapore, Vietnam (tbc)**
12.15 – 13.30 **Lunch**

13.30 – 15.00 **Strategic Approach to OSH Challenges in Europe**
Chairman by **China (tbc)**
Presentation by **France (tbc), Germany (Mr. Simon Kaluza, German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) & UK (tbc) and Denmark (Mr. Jens Jensen, the Danish Working Environment Authority)**
Possibility of presentations from other selected EU Member States;
Presentation from the European Health and Safety at Work Agency in Bilbao (tbc).

Discussants:

Representative of EU employers (BusinessEurope)

Representative of EU trade unions (ETUC)

15.00 – 15.30 **Tea/coffee break**

15.30 – 17.00 **Development and Implementation of National OSH Strategies in Asia (Part 2)**
Chairman by **Thailand (tbc)**
Presentation by **Japan, Korea, India (tbc)**

19.00 – 22.00 **Welcome Dinner**

Day 3, 13 Oct 2011

09.00 – 10.30 Discussion and adoption of summary report

10.30 – 11.00 **Tea/coffee break**

11.00 – 11.30 **Closing remarks by the European Commission**

Closing by DG of Labour Inspection and Development

MOMT Republic of Indonesia

11.30 – 16.30

City Tour (cultural visit)

Day 4, 14 Oct 2011

Departure of Delegates