

THE ROLE OF OHS NATIONAL TRIPATITE ENTITIES

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TRIPARTITE ENTITIES TASKS

- The OHS National Commissions or National Councils are entities integrated by the governmental, employer and worker sectors, that are responsible for the coordination of strategies and actions in OHS within a country; which includes the design of legal projects, the development of technical programs, national campaigns and capacity building projects.

THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL TRIPARTITE ENTITIES

- The importance of having an OHS National Council or Commission in a country, relies on the fact that this entity performs an strategic role in the implementation of a national systems with an OHS management approach.

BASIC ELEMENTS OF A NATIONAL OHS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, IN WHICH THE NATIONAL TRIPARTITE ENTITIES INTERVENE

- OHS NATIONAL POLICY
- OHS NATIONAL LEGISLATION
- OHS STRATEGIC COUNTRY PLAN
- INSPECTION OF OHS CONDITIONS
- OHS FORMATION AND EDUCATION

STATE OF OHS NATIONAL COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS WITHIN THE CENTRAL AMERICA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUB-REGION

- The CERSSO Project strengthened the Councils in the countries where already existed and fostered their creation in the ones that did not have one yet.

COORDINATION AMONG OHS NATIONAL COMMISSIONS OR COUNCILS, THROUGH THE DIRECTING COMMITTEE OF FUNDACERSSO

- FUNDACERSSO is sustained in the tripartite dialogue on OHS, as a consequence, the Directing Council is composed by representatives of national commissions and councils, with the intention of consolidating a sub-regional vision on OHS matters, that will permit the integration of our countries' approaches and actions in front of international processes.

SUBREGIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS BY NATIONAL COUNCILS AND COMMISSIONS

CONASSO – GUATEMALA -

- Revision of the internal Regulation of CONASSO
- Formulation of the National Strategic Plan on OHS, currently updating
- Revision and update of the OHS National Regulation
- Revision of OHS National Policy, in progress
- Strategic alliance between the SALTRA Project and CONASSO
- Revision of the local injuries registration system, in progress

CONASSO - EL SALVADOR -

- Update of the internal Regulation of CONASSO
- Formulation of OHS National Policy, approved by the Executive Body
- Formulation of the Strategic Country Plan, currently updating
- Tripartite elaboration of the General Law Project of Labor Risks Prevention

CONASSO - EL SALVADOR -

- Coordination of OHS educational projects at national level
- Elaboration of the CONASSO Annual Plan of Action

CONASATH – HONDURAS -

- Formulation of the National Strategic Plan of Workers Health
- Elaboration of the Operative Plan of Local Priorities
- Promotion of educational programs at national level
- Coordination of actions to technically strengthen OHS Inspection activities

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL - COSTA RICA

- Develop strengthening actions to incorporate OHS to the Educational System.
- Update of existing norms in agreement with technological change and new risks in the diverse economic activities of the country
- Develop training activities for OHS Committees, specially in the agricultural and construction sectors
- Formulation of the OHS National Plan
- Organize the OHS National Week to incentivize working centers to control the factors causing workplace injuries.
- Develop studies of work processes and risk profiles for the different productive sectors

OCCUPATIONAL HYGIENE AND SAFETY NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NICARAGUA

- Approval and publication of 25 OHS norms
- Organization of the Occupational Health, Hygiene and Safety National Day
- Formulation of the OHS National Strategic Plan
- Tripartite elaboration of the General Law Project on Occupational Hygiene and Safety

ACHIEVEMENTS OF CONSSO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

- Elaboration and approval of the CONSSO Internal Regulation
- Elaboration and approval of the New OHS Regulation
- Submission of the CONSSO budget to the Congress of the Republic
- Institutionalization of CONSSO's working dynamics

OHS NATIONAL COUNCILS OR COMMISSIONS FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

1. To continue strengthening the national councils or commissions structures, with the support of FUNDACERSSO, and to continue consolidating the national management systems
2. Strengthen FUNDACERSSO Directing Council, necessary to advance in the coordination levels among the member countries' commissions to provide with a sub-regional integrated response before OHS matters

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3. Follow-up to the strategic lines for the coordination of sub-regional cooperation entities, such as:
 - Organization of a future sub-regional meeting of national councils or commissions

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- Establishing academic formation profiles that must include OHS programs at the basic, technical and graduate levels in the 8 countries
- Promotion of OHS national profiles, unified with the National Councils validation

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- Strengthening workplace injuries information systems in the countries within the sub-region
- An update of the national lists of workplace illnesses
- To coordinate efforts to organize programs to spread OHS labor rights and obligations