

## AGENDA

### **2<sup>nd</sup> HEMISPHERIC WORKSHOP ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY: “THE CHALLENGES OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OHS) IN RELATION TO THE IV SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS MANDATES AND SUBREGIONAL EXPERIENCES”**

**TUESDAY, MAY 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 – 9:30     Welcoming remarks Hotel Hilton Princess San Salvador, Bristol Conference Room.**

- Welcoming remarks by:
  - President of El Salvador, Lic. Elías Antonio Saca
  - Minister of Labor and Social Prevision of El Salvador, Lic. José Roberto Espinal Escobar
  - Mr. Rogelio Sotela, Director of the Office of the Organization of American States (OAS) in El Salvador
  - Sr. Ajit Mehat, Director General, National Labour Operations Directorate, Labour Program, Human Resources and Social Development Canada

Also in the inaugural session:

- Dr. Valentina Forastieri, Principal Specialist on Labor and Occupational Health and Safety Conditions, Sub-regional Office for Central America, Haiti, Panama and the Dominican Republic of the International Labour Organization (ILO).
- Ing. Harry Philippeaux, Advisor in Sustainable Development and Environment, Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) in El Salvador.

**9:30 - 9:45     Coffee break**

**9:45 – 11:00     Current overview of OHS in the Americas**

- Achievements in the incorporation of OHS in Declarations and Plans of Action of the main hemispheric fora. **Mrs. Maria Claudia Camacho**, Specialist, Department of Social Development and Employment, **OAS**. (15’)
- Main strategic alliances on occupational health and safety as a mandate for sustainable development. **Dr. Maritza Tennasse**, Regional Advisor on Workers Health, and **Dr. Manuel Anton**, Consultant in Workers Health and Safety, **PAHO**. (20’)
- Main challenges for OHS in the framework of economic integration processes. **Dr. Valentina Forastieri, ILO**. (20’)
- Achievements and experiences from Fundacersso, as a continuity of the CERSO Project (*Centro Regional de Seguridad y Salud Ocupacional en Centro América y República Dominicana*). **Lic. Carlos Rivera**, Executive Director of **FUNDACERSSO**. (20’)

**11:00 – 1:00     Implementation of Occupational Health and Safety management systems**

- Occupational Health and Safety in Canada - a Shared Responsibility. **Mr. Ajit Mehat, Canada.** (20')
- Legislation, policies, national programs and the role of governmental inspection on OHS, **Dr. Arline Arcuri**, Technical Director of Fundacentro (Foundation Jorge Duprat Figueiredo on Occupational Safety and Medicine), and **Dr. Junia Maria Barreto**, Labor Inspector, Regional Labor Commissariat of Minas Gerais (DRT/MG), **Brazil.** (15')
- The role of OHS tripartite national entities. **Lic. Carlos Rodríguez**, Representative of **CONASSO, El Salvador.** (20')
- OHS education and promotion. **Dra. Marianela Corriols**, Coordinator of the Workers Sanitary Intelligence Center and Health Focal Point, **OPS Nicaragua.** (15')
- Strategies for the introduction of a preventive culture in the SMEs and informal sectors. **Lic. Claudio San Juan**, Deputy Prevention Manager of the Super- intendancy of Work Risks, Ministry of Labor and Social Security, **Argentina,** (15')
- Successful OHS management programs in the workplace, as essential elements of Corporate Social Responsibility. **Dr. Miguel Ángel González Osuna**, Employers Representative (**CEATAL**), (15'); and **Mr. Vicente Juarez Rivera**, Workers Representative (**COSATE**). (15')

**1:00 – 2:00 LUNCH**

**2:00 – 4:00 Open dialogue on the implementation of OHS management systems, and future actions**

Moderator: **Lic. José Roberto Espinal Escobar, El Salvador**, Minister of Labor and Social Prevision of **El Salvador**.

Rapporteur: **Lic. Claudio San Juan**, Deputy Prevention Manager of the Super-intendancy of Work Risks, Ministry of Labor and Social Security, **Argentina**.

**4:00 – 6:00 Mechanisms to strengthen the information systems on Occupational Health and Safety**

- Situation of the information systems on work-related injuries in the Americas: Pilot project of the ILO. **Dr. Edin Pop**, International Consultant, **ILO.** (30')
- Presentation of research results on work-related injuries indicators and intoxication with pesticides, by PAHO, as a potential basis to strengthen information systems. **Dr. Oscar Nieto**, International Consultant, **PAHO.** (30')
- Successful experience on the implementation of an information system on work-related injuries. **Dr. Eugenio Cantuarias**, Manager of Operations Division, Chilean Safety Association (ACHS), **Chile.** (30')
- Platform for strengthening information systems on occupational health and safety. **Dr. Patabendi K Abeytunga**, Vice-president and Director General, Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS), **Canada.** (30')

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 – 11:00    Open dialogue on the mechanisms to strengthen the information systems on OHS, and future actions**

Moderator: **Dr. Valentina Forastieri, ILO**

Rapporteur: **Mrs. Junia Barreto**, Labor Inspector, Regional Labor Commissariat of Minas Gerais (DRT/MG), **Brazil**.

**11:00 – 12:00    HIV in the workplace**

- The impact on the population and the workforce. **Dr. Valentina Forastieri, ILO** (20')
- Regional Plan on HIV/ITS for the Health Sector and determining factors for exposure to and infection by HIV/AIDS. **Dr. Carol Vlassoff**, Chief of the HIV/AIDS Unit, **PAHO** (20')
- Initiatives to address the issue of HIV-AIDS in OHS National Policies and Programs. **Dr. Rudy Rosales**, Focal Point for HIV, Ministry of Health of **Honduras**. (20')

**12:00 – 1:00    Open dialogue on HIV-AIDS in the workplace, and future actions**

Moderator: **Anslem de Bourge**, Ministry of Education and Labour of **Grenada**

Rapporteur: **Devnath Roopnarine**, Industrial Inspections Supervisor, Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development, **Trinidad & Tobago**.

**1:00 – 3:00    LUNCH**

**3:00 – 5:30    Formulation of Strategic Guidelines to be implemented in the years to follow. Agreements**

Moderator: **Dr. Marianela Corriols** and **Dr. Manuel Antón, PAHO**

- Presentation of the 3 documents elaborated by the rapporteurs on each topic
- Discussion among all participants to complement those documents and to formulate strategic lines, including horizontal cooperation initiatives that will provide a practical and integrated response to the OHS issue in the Americas.

**5:30 – 6:00    Closing remarks by **Lic. José Roberto Espinal Escobar**, Minister of Labor and Social Prevision of **El Salvador**.**

**During the dialogue sessions, the following questions will be addressed:**

1. Which strategies must be adopted to improve national and business OHS management systems, considering successful local or sub-regional experiences?
2. Which mechanisms and processes should be implemented to strengthen the information systems on work-related injuries at the local and sub-regional level?
3. How can the issue of HIV-AIDS be efficiently integrated into national and business OHS management programs?
4. Which mechanisms to strengthen government inspection systems on Occupational Health and Safety should be developed in order to guarantee business compliance with OHS legal standards?