

IOE GLOBAL OSH NETWORK

The International Organisation of Employers (IOE) is the unified global voice of business. Its mission is to promote and defend the interests of employers and their organizations at the international level in all labour and social policy debates.

Through its 146 national member employer organizations representing millions of enterprises, the IOE provides a business network unparalleled in the world. Who knows better the business challenges within a country than its members ? Access to that network provides a unique value-added service which is unavailable elsewhere.

In keeping with this existing network, the IOE is pleased to announce the creation of its new **Global Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Network**.

Consisting of senior OSH managers from a range of multinational enterprises throughout the world nominated by their national IOE member, as well as a number of OSH specialists from IOE member federations, the Network will :

- Provide a forum for senior OSH managers from multinational enterprises affiliated to their member federations to come together to discuss issues of common interest together with OSH specialists from IOE member federations.
- Provide overall political guidance to the diverse debates taking place and better coordinate the manner in which business puts forward policy positions in the various OSH fora and ensure, where possible, consistency in views expressed by employers.
- Identify and anticipate emerging OSH issues.
- Provide a unique space for participating companies to discuss global issues affecting OSH with specialists from business community, civil society, trade unions leadership and international agencies.
- Help companies better manage current and emerging OSH issues.
- Help strengthen ways by which the IOE can engage with the World Health Organizations (WHO), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the UNAIDS, the Arab Labour Organization (ALO), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and others.
- Help inform the IOE on policy development needs in the field of OSH.
- Build learning networks among participants.
- Give leadership to the IOE Statement on Occupational Safety and Health¹.

¹ Copy attached.

Supported by the IOE Secretariat, the Network – which will operate in English only – will set its own agenda, venue and timing of meetings. The IOE can enhance the discussions in the Network by providing :

- Insights into OSH initiatives by the UN and other organizations proposed or impacting on business.
- Access to key figures within the international OSH debate, including the UN, trade unions and other international organizations relevant to its discussions.
- Dedicated and ongoing information from the IOE between meetings.

Access to participation in the Network by senior OSH managers of multinational enterprises is by payment of an annual subscription of 3,000 Euros and all Network members, including those from member federations, would meet their own costs of participation.

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