

## World Day on Safety and Health at Work

### Background:

As we observe the World Day on Safety and Health at Work, it's imperative to acknowledge the persistent challenges facing workplace safety and health. Although the Labor Inspectorate has taken measures such as increasing inspections and increasing the number of Labour Inspectors, deaths and accidents still occur, and there is a lack of data on occupational diseases. It's crucial to address these challenges and bolster preventive measures to ensure the well-being of workers across various industries. This conference provides a vital platform for discussing ongoing issues, sharing insights, and collaboratively working towards sustainable solutions.

This year, on a global scale, the theme will center around examining the effects of climate change on occupational safety and health. Shifting weather patterns significantly influence the realm of employment, notably impacting the safety and well-being of workers. As such, the second panel is devoted to delving into this subject with local experts and specialists from the International Labour Organization and the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work.

### Objectives:

- Highlight the persisting challenges and issues regarding work accidents and fatalities.
- Share experiences and best practices in implementing effective preventive measures.
- Enhance awareness and understanding of the importance of workplace safety.
- Facilitate dialogue and collaboration among stakeholders towards improving occupational safety and health standards.

### Audience:

- Representatives from the Labour Inspectorate.
- Government officials responsible for labour and occupational safety regulations.
- Employers, industry associations, and trade unions.
- Occupational health and safety professionals operating.
- Researchers, academics, and students interested in labour rights and workplace safety.
- Civil society organizations and NGOs working on labour rights and OSH.

## **PROGRAMME OUTLINE**

Hotel International Prishtina, str. Shkupi, Veternik, Prishtina 10000

**Date:** 26 April 2024

**Welcoming and registration: 9:30-10:00**

**Opening Session: 10:00 – 10:20**

**Moderator:** ILO Programme Manager, Mr. Blerim Murtezi

**Speakers:**

- Minister of Finance, Labour, Transfers, Mr. Hekuran Murati
- UN Development Coordinator, Ms. Arnhild Spence
- Ambassador of Sweden, Mr. Jonas Westerlund
- Head of Cooperation EU Office Kosovo, Johannes Madsen

**Panel Discussion 1; 10:20 – 11:00; Safety and Health: Overview of work accidents and fatalities**

**Facilitator:** Ada Huibregtse, ILO

Panellists and topics:

- Chief Labour Inspector Mr. Hekuran Nikçi
- Representative from Economic Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Besart Krasniqi
- Representative from Independent Trade Unions, Mr. Blendor Shatri
- Director of Kosovar Stability Initiative, Ms. Brikena Hoxha

**Panel Discussion 2; 11:00 – 11:40; Catching with the global trends: The impacts of climate change on occupational safety and health.**

**Facilitator:** Michele Dinelli, EU OSHA

Panellists and topics

- ILO Labour Inspection and OSH Specialist, Mr Luiz Rocha
- OSH specialist - IOSH, Mr. Dr Ivan Williams Jimenez
- Environmental Protection Advisor, Ms. Egzona Shala
- Environmental OSH Specialist, Ms. Ermira Elshani

**Summary of key insights and recommendations, 11:40-12:00**

**Networking lunch, 12:00-13:00**