

Terms of Reference

G20 Network on Safe and Healthy Workplaces

In 2014, G20 Labour and Employment Ministers adopted the G20 Statement on Safe and Healthy Workplaces, in which the leaders committed to take measures in ten areas to improve occupational safety and health (OSH) in G20 member countries and to collaborate on initiatives to improve OSH more broadly. In 2015, Turkish G20 Presidency included OSH issues as a priority in the agenda of the Employment Working Group.

To support progress and facilitate greater communication among country experts and with representatives of international organizations, businesses, and workers, Turkey is establishing a G20 OSH Experts Network under its presidency. The network's initial focus will be support for G20 work related to the 10 commitments and will be organized around those commitments. The network will function largely through a virtual platform to support the effective sharing of good practices and research, further the discussion of priorities, and coordinate technical cooperation and outreach efforts. In line with the long-term agenda of the EWG, the network can also be used to support the development of events or meetings on key topics.

The network is to be comprised of OSH experts from G20 members with the support of designated focal points. Focal point responsibilities will be to assist in the development and subsequent operation of the network, which will include assisting in designing platform and network protocols, responding to requests, including collecting and disseminating information (good practices and research), making submission for network calendar of events, coordinating country representation and contributions to network discussions, workshops, and meetings, and leading outreach and technical cooperation efforts as needed. Representatives of International Organizations, the B20 and L20, and possibly other engagement groups will also be invited to participate.

The network will share information primarily through a dedicated section of the new public EWG website established under the Turkish Presidency. The co-chairs of the G20 Subgroup on Safe and Healthy Workplaces – Turkey and the United States – will be responsible for coordinating the overall operation of the network and for liaising with the broader EWG regarding the network's activities. The International Labour Organization will work closely with the co-chairs and will support the overall administration of the network and the dedicated area of the website for the OSH Experts Network.

Among other areas, the contents on the site will include:

- Major reports by country experts and agencies on OSH issues and activities
- Research, tools, and products from international organizations
- Position papers and updates from the B20 and L20

- Survey responses by G20 members on priorities and cooperation
- Information related to technical assistance and international cooperation
- Resources related to Supply Chain Engagement, including the Vision Zero initiative
- A calendar of major related events
- Information on and links to other multilateral and regional networks