

## Workplan of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Occupational Health for the period 2009-2012

This workplan represents the contribution of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Occupational Health to the implementation of the WHO Global Plan of Action on Workers' Health, 2008-2017: [http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/WHA60/A60\\_R26-en.pdf](http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA60/A60_R26-en.pdf). The Network includes government, research, professional and academic institutions from 37 countries, and three international professional associations [http://www.who.int/occupational\\_health/network/cc\\_address\\_list\\_2822008.pdf](http://www.who.int/occupational_health/network/cc_address_list_2822008.pdf). The 2009-2012 workplan is organized into 5 objectives and 14 priorities. Projects associated with each priority can be found at [http://www.who.int/occupational\\_health/en/](http://www.who.int/occupational_health/en/). For more information contact [ochmail@who.int](mailto:ochmail@who.int).

<b>GPA Objective 1: to devise and implement policy instruments on workers' health</b> Manager: Claudina Nogueira, NIOH, South Africa			
<p><b>Priority 1.1:</b> Develop/update national profiles on workers' health and provide evidence base for development, implementation and evaluation of national action plans on workers' health</p> <p><b>Outputs:</b> Comparative analysis of national strategies and action plans, national profiles, and reports on lessons learned</p> <p><b>Support:</b> CC: Jovanka Bislimovska, Institute of OH, FYR of Macedonia WHO/HQ: Ivan Ivanov</p>	<p><b>Priority 1.2:</b> Develop and disseminate evidence-based prevention tools and raise awareness for the prevention of silica- and other dust-related diseases.</p> <p><b>Outputs:</b> Evaluation of national programmes, packages of essential interventions and good practices, for dust control, exposure and diagnostic criteria for pneumoconiosis</p> <p><b>Support:</b> CC: Maria Lioce-Mata and Catherine Beaucham, NIOSH US WHO/HQ: Ivan Ivanov</p>	<p><b>Priority 1.3:</b> Develop and disseminate evidence-based tools and raise awareness for the elimination of asbestos-related diseases.</p> <p><b>Outputs:</b> Estimates of the burden of asbestos-related diseases, review of good practices for substitution of asbestos and prevention of exposure to asbestos, health surveillance of exposed workers</p> <p><b>Support:</b> CC: Ken Takahashi Institute of Industrial Ecological Sciences, Japan WHO/HQ: Ivan Ivanov</p>	<p><b>Priority 1.4:</b> Conduct studies and develop evidence-based tools and information materials for the comprehensive protection and promotion of health for health care workers, emphasizing HBV immunization.</p> <p><b>Outputs:</b> Tools, guidance documents, assistance to countries for implementing and evaluating programs, training on national programs</p> <p><b>Support:</b> CC: Ahmed Gomaa, NIOSH, US WHO/HQ: Susan Wilburn</p>
<b>GPA Objective 2 : to protect and promote health at the workplace</b> Managers: Stavroula Leka and Aditya Jain, University of Nottingham, UK			
<p><b>Priority 2.1:</b> Develop practical toolkits for the assessment and management of OH risks (focus: chemical, physical, biological, psychosocial risks)</p> <p><b>Outputs:</b> Tools, inventory, framework document, mapping of use and types of tools, evaluation, definition of common criteria of toolkits</p> <p><b>Support:</b> CC: Leslie Nickels Great Lakes Centers University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health, USA WHO/HQ: Evelyn Kortum</p>	<p><b>Priority 2.2:</b> Develop a global framework and guidance on healthy workplaces</p> <p><b>Outputs:</b> Review of effectiveness of existing programmes for healthy workplaces, tools for creating healthy workplaces including a health-promoting culture and OH&amp;S principles</p> <p><b>Support:</b> CC: Abeytunga, CCOHS, Canada Fernando Coelho, SESI, Brazil WHO/HQ: Evelyn Kortum WHO/PAHO: Marie-Claude Lavoie</p>	<p><b>Priority 2.3:</b> Develop toolkits for the assessment and management of global health threats including HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, influenza, emphasizing vulnerable groups, in particular migrant workers</p> <p><b>Outputs:</b> Tools, inventory, framework, mapping of use and types of tools, evaluation, and definition of toolkits</p> <p><b>Support:</b> CC: Jadranka Mustajbegovic, Medical School University of Zagreb, Croatia WHO/HQ: Susan Wilburn</p>	

<p><b>GPA Objective 3 : to improve the performance of and access to occupational health services</b> <i>Manager: Timo Leino, Finnish Institute of Occupational Health</i></p>		
<p><b>Priority 3.1:</b> Develop working methods, provide technical assistance to countries for organization, delivery and evaluation of basic OH services in the context of primary health care, with particular focus on underserved populations and settings with constrained resources</p> <p><b>Output:</b> Good practices and demonstration projects for organization and delivery of OH services, evaluation of service delivery, international knowledge networks of service providers, website clearinghouse of information materials for OH practice</p> <p><b>Support:</b> CC: Timo Leino, FIOH, Finland WHO/HQ: Ivan Ivanov</p>	<p><b>Priority 3.2:</b> Adapt and disseminate curricula, training materials and training for international capacity building in OH</p> <p><b>Output:</b> Model materials and courses for BOHS, inventory, technical support for delivery of international courses and on-line training, national training programmes in low- and medium-income countries, introduction of OH into professional education</p> <p><b>Support:</b> CC: Leslie Nickels Great Lakes Centers University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health, USA and Norbert Wagner, University of South Florida, USA WHO/RO: Rokho Kim</p>	
<p><b>GPA Objective 4 : to provide and communicate evidence for action and practice</b> <i>Manager: Jo Harris-Roberts and Ed Robinson, HSL, UK</i></p>		
<p><b>Priority 4.1:</b> Encourage practical research on emerging issues, including nano-materials and climate change</p> <p><b>Output:</b> Research reports and communication strategies with low- and medium income countries on interventions to ensure workers' health</p> <p><b>Support:</b> CC: Jo Harris-Roberts, Ed Robinson, HSL, UK WHO/HQ: Ivan Ivanov</p>	<p><b>Priority 4.2:</b> Further develop the global research agenda for workers' health</p> <p><b>Output:</b> Research report matrix to identify relevant gaps in research</p> <p><b>Support:</b> CC: Jo Harris-Roberts, Ed Robinson, HSL, UK WHO/HQ: Ivan Ivanov</p>	
<p><b>GPA Objective 5 : to incorporate workers' health into non-health policies and Projects</b> <i>Manager: Wendy Macdonald, La Trobe University, Australia</i></p>		
<p><b>Priority 5.1:</b> Collate and conduct studies to clarify the economic benefits of workers' health</p> <p><b>Output:</b> Published articles and information posted to WHO website</p> <p><b>Support:</b> Jos Verbeek, FIOH, Finland</p>	<p><b>Priority 5.2:</b> Develop specific and relevant recommendations to manage risks associated with the effects of globalization on workers' health</p> <p><b>Output:</b> Guidance for development banks, non-health sector entities to improve workers' health</p> <p><b>Support:</b> David Rees, NIOH, South Africa; Lygia Therese Budnik, Central Institute for Occupational Medicine, Hamburg, Germany</p>	<p><b>Priority 5.3:</b> Implement sectoral toolkits for the assessment and management of OH risks in the most hazardous sectors (agriculture, construction, transport)</p> <p><b>Output:</b> Tools, inventory, framework document, mapping of use and types of tools, evaluation</p> <p><b>Support:</b> Leslie Nickels Great Lakes Centers University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health, USA <b>Agriculture:</b> Claudio Colosio (expertise in pesticides and 'hygiene' hazards) <b>Construction:</b> Ernst Koningsveld and/or Henk Van der Molen <b>Transport:</b> Lygia Therese Budnik, Central Institute for Occupational Medicine, Hamburg, Germany Jane Hingston (NIOSH road transport group) Kazu Kogi (expertise in 'ergonomic', organisational, psychosocial hazards)</p> <p>WHO/HQ: Evelyn Kortum</p>