Activity Area 1
Global Situation Analysis

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1. Description of the ongoing globalisation and changing employment patterns

2. Analysis of how these changes are influencing on the prerequisites for occupational safety & health

3. Identification of actions to be taken.

- the idea and the planning needed more time & consideration than originally thought

- the literature on globalisation is very, very extensive
Plan of today

A. The ongoing globalisation and its consequences for labour markets and working conditions

B. Occupational safety & health in a globalised world

C. Case studies

D. Identification of actions to be taken by WHO’s CCsOH, and others.
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B. Occupational safety & health in a globalised world

Issues to be considered

Definitions
What is globalisation?
Which period is our concern?
Which characteristics are our concern?
What is caused by globalisation, what not?

Direction
Descriptive or action oriented?

Perspective
Industrial or developing countries?

Linking
Linking with:

WHO’s Commission on Social Determinants of Health

ILO’s Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization

Risk Observatory Reports of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

and others
A. The ongoing globalisation and its consequences for labour markets and working condition

- Overall description of the globalisation
- Development and application of technology
- Multinational enterprises
- Free zones
- Informal economies
- Work and employment
- Industrial relations
C. Case studies

1. Changing patterns in employment and its impact in OH in South American countries (Marisol Concha, Chile)
2. Labour migration & the Netherlands (Frank Pot, NL)
3. Call centers in India & Sweden (Shyam Pingle and Bo Melin)
4. Globalisation and its effects on health care and OH in Vietnam (Nguyen Thi Hong Tu, Vietnam)
5. OSH system management: the challenge of global diversity (Wendy Macdonald, Australia)
6. Survey concerning the OSH situation in about 100 countries (ICOH)

Maybe:
7. Globalisation and asbestosis (Ken Takahashi, Japan)
8. Chinese cases
9. Globalisation, employment and work in Argentina and Europe (Thomas Kieselbach, Germany)