
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. The Network includes government, research, professional and academic institutions from 37 countries, and three international professional associations. The 2009-2012 workplan is organized into 5 objectives, reflecting those of the Global Plan of Action, and 15 priorities. Projects associated with each priority can be found at [http://www.who.int/occupational_health/cc_compendium.pdf](http://www.who.int/occupational_health/cc_compendium.pdf). For more information contact ochmail@who.int.

## GPA Objective 1: to devise and implement policy instruments on workers’ health

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<th>Priority 1.1: Develop/update national profiles on workers' health and provide evidence base for development, implementation and evaluation of national action plans on workers' health</th>
<th>Priority 1.2: Develop and disseminate evidence-based prevention tools and raise awareness for the prevention of silica- and other dust-related diseases.</th>
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<td><strong>Outputs</strong>: Comparative analysis of national strategies and action plans, national profiles, and reports on lessons learned</td>
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<td><strong>Outputs</strong>: 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</td>
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## GPA Objective 2: to protect and promote health at the workplace

Managers: Stavroula Leka and Aditya Jain, Univ. of Nottingham, UK

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<th>Priority 2.3: Develop toolkits for the assessment and management of global health threats including HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, influenza, emphasizing vulnerable groups, in particular migrant workers</th>
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<td><strong>Outputs</strong>: Tools, inventory, framework document, mapping of use and types of tools, evaluation, definition of common criteria of toolkits</td>
<td><strong>Outputs</strong>: Review of effectiveness of existing programmes for healthy workplaces, tools for creating healthy workplaces including a health-promoting culture and OH&amp;S principles</td>
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### GPA Objective 3: to improve the performance of and access to occupational health services

**Managers:** Kaj Husman, FIOH; Leslie Nickels, NIOSH

#### Priority 3.1: 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

**Output:** 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

**Support:**
- CC: Frank VanDijk, Coronel Institute, The Netherlands;
- Partner: Igor Fedotov, ILO
- WHO/HQ: Ivan Ivanov

#### Priority 3.2: Adapt and disseminate curricula, training materials and training for international capacity building in OH

**Output:** Model materials and courses for BOHS, inventory, technical support for delivery of international courses and on-line training, national training programs in low- and medium-income countries, introduction of OH into professional education

**Support:**
- CC: Norbert Wagner, Univ. of Illinois at Chicago, Linda Grainger, ICOH
- WHO: Ivan Ivanov
- EURO: Rokho Kim

### GPA Objective 4: to provide and communicate evidence for action and practice

**Managers:** Jo Harris-Roberts and Ed Robinson, HSL, UK

#### Priority 4.1: Encourage practical research on emerging issues, including nano-materials and climate change

**Output:** Research reports and communication strategies with low- and medium income countries on interventions to ensure workers’ health

**Support:**
- CC: Nano-materials Rosemary Gibson HSL, UK and Vladimir Murashov, NIOSH USA
- Climate change Jo Harris-Roberts, Ed Robinson, HSL, UK
- WHO/HQ: Ivan Ivanov

#### Priority 4.2: Further develop the global research agenda for workers’ health

**Output:** Research report matrix to identify relevant gaps in research

**Support:**
- CC: Jo Harris-Roberts, Ed Robinson, HSL, UK
- WHO/HQ: Ivan Ivanov

#### Priority 4.3: Revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD) to include occupational causes in the eleventh edition.

**Output:** Occupational health and disease components added to ICD-11

**Support:**
- CC: Jo Harris-Roberts, Ed Robinson, HSL, UK
- WHO: Ivan Ivanov
- EURO: Rokho Kim

### GPA Objective 5: to incorporate workers’ health into non-health policies and projects

**Manager:** Wendy Macdonald, La Trobe University, Australia

#### Priority 5.1: Collate and conduct cost-benefit studies to clarify the economic benefits of workers’ health

**Output:** Published articles and information posted to WHO website

**Support:**
- CC: Jos Verbeek, FIOH, Finland, Diana Gagliardi, ISPESL, Italy

#### Priority 5.2: Develop specific and relevant recommendations to manage risks associated with the impacts of globalization on workers’ health

**Output:** Guidance for development banks, non-health sector entities to improve workers’ health

**Support:**
- CC: David Rees, NIOH, South Africa

#### Priority 5.3: Implement toolkits for the assessment and management of OSH hazards in high risk industry sectors and for vulnerable worker groups

**Output:** Tools, inventory, framework document, mapping of use and types of tools, evaluation

**Support:**
- Ruth Etzel, WHO
- CC Hazardous sectors: Catherine Beaucham, NIOSH, USA
- Agriculture: Claudio Colosio, University of Milan, Italy
- Transport: Lygia Budnik, CIOM, Hamburg
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