



SOLVING LOCAL CHALLENGES LOCALLY WHILE HARNESSING INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES

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INTRODUCTION

- ▶ **Think Global – Act Local:**
 - How your local actions have an impact globally;
 - How you can make use of global actions to improve your local impact.
- ▶ **Today the world is “smaller”, access to information faster, sharing of lessons easier.**
- ▶ **Our responsibility is to secure the best of both worlds – global & local.**
- ▶ **Harness every international experience for local impact!**

INTERNATIONAL ACTION

- ▶ **Ideas born and actions taken beyond your borders:**
 - ▶ Sub-regional level – immediate neighbours;
 - ▶ **Regional – Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe, Middle East etc.;**
 - ▶ Global – all countries in the world.

GLOBAL ACTION

- ▶ OSH is a big concern globally – labour, health, OSH professionals & private sector & others;
- ▶ UN – the United Nations;
- ▶ ILO – the UN labour agency, OSH-GAP;
- ▶ WHO – the UN public health agency, Workers' Health GPA;
- ▶ ICOH – NSA, professional society;
- ▶ IOHA – NSA, global body, represents associations;
- ▶ IEA – NSA, global federation.

GLOBAL ACTION – LOCAL IMPACT

▶ **International instruments:**

- **UN** – *SDGs 3 (health), 8 (work & growth), 12 (responsible consumption & production)*;
- **ILO** – *OSH-GAP, fundamental rights of workers to safe & healthy work*;
- **WHO** – *WH-GPA, stresses that health of workers is an essential prerequisite for productivity and economic development*;

▶ **Global agreements (IGOs):**

- **ILO** – *Conventions, recommendations, codes of practice*;
- **WHO** – *Resolutions, strategies, declaration (WHA & RCs)*.

GLOBAL ACTION – LOCAL IMPACT...2

- ▶ **NSAs (ICOH, IOHA, IEA, regional and national platforms)** – *Declarations, Charters, Guides, Standards, Knowledge generation etc.;*
- ▶ **Bilateral cooperation – with other countries, private sector, academic & research entities etc.**

LOCAL ACTION – GLOBAL IMPACT

- ▶ **What we do becomes an example for others;**
- ▶ **Have we prioritised OSH** – *by word or deed;*
- ▶ **Do we have the required capacity** – *policy, planning, implementation, M&E, documentation;*
- ▶ **Training of professionals** – *structured or ad hoc;*
- ▶ **International cooperation.**

SUMMARY

1. **What we do becomes an example for others** – *local action, global impact;*
2. **What others do can be an example to us** – *global action, local impact;*
3. **OSH is a big concern & challenge globally** – *local action is slow;*
4. **International instruments, guides, standards, & norms exist** – *domesticate, adapt;*
5. **International cooperation is key** – *learn.*

Think Global, Act local, Share Global!





Thank you!
Asante sana!

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