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SURVEY OF CIS CENTRES – AUGUST 2010



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- Questionnaire survey sent on 22 July 2010
- Reminder sent on 6 August 2010
- Available in English, French and Spanish
- Replies received from 36 CIS Centres + S. Pantry
- Five questions were asked

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- Main purpose of Questionnaire survey:
 - Update contact details (personal, institutional changes)
 - Assess CIS products and activities
 - Improve effectiveness of CIS products
 - Find out about national OSH information programme
 - Find out about CIS Centres as advocacy partners
 - Collect organizational charts
 - Publicize CIS documents (follow up)

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- Algeria*
- Angola
- Argentina
- ARLAC
- Australia (Canberra)
- Bangladesh
- Bahrain
- Bulgaria
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Burkina Faso
- Canada (CN)
- Canada (CC-IRSST, Quebec)
- Chile
- China (CN)
- Congo (Rep. Dem)*
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Finland
- Hungary (CC)*
- Italy (CC)
- Japan
- Kenya*
- Mauritania
- Macedonia
- Malaysia
- Pakistan (CN)
- Poland
- Republika Srepska
- Singapore
- Spain
- Swaziland
- Syria
- Turkey
- Uganda
- United Kingdom (IOSH)
- Yemen

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1. How do ILO products: [CISDOC](#) database, the [Encyclopaedia](#), the [ICSCs](#) contribute to the national OSH information programme?
2. What could be done to improve the effectiveness of these products to the national OSH information programme?
3. What are the key national OSH information programme/activities? Please share recent successful initiatives
4. What could ILO-CIS do in support of the national OSH information programme in the coming years?
5. What are the roles of your centre (as a CIS Centre) in national advocacy activities such as the World Day for Safety and Health at Work (28 [April](#))?

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● Question 1:

How do ILO products (CISDOC, Encyclopaedia, ICSCs) contribute to the national OSH information programme?

- Useful as reference OSH information
- For awareness raising
- For training purposes
- Useful for a wide target population: workers, employers, students, OSH committee members, university and academy levels, policy makers, labour inspectors
- Not promoted efficiently
- Problems of language barrier in some cases

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● CISDOC:

- used by specialized professionals, incl. medical doctors preparing their thesis or to assess workers' disabilities
- interface not user friendly
- problems of language barrier
- As a general comment, database is underused

● Encyclopaedia:

- used by professionals, if available in the native language
- CD and online versions appreciated
- although written for the lay person, not used by workers in some countries
- translation foreseen in Macedonian

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● ICSC:

- used by institutions, workers and enterprises
- used by medical doctors and university students
- used to develop analytical methods and to support reports requested by authorities
- used to develop legislation on chemicals
- need to translate into more local languages

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Question 2: What could be done to improve the **effectiveness** of contribution of CIS products to the national OSH information programme? (1)

- Translate material into local languages (French, Arabic, Hindi, Swahili, Hungarian, etc)
- Develop regional promotional and training programmes
- Support the printing and distribution of promotional products in local languages
- Develop information resources and training material
- Increase dissemination of information (incl. in schools and continuing education programmes)
- Improve CIS HQ website

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Question 2: What could be done to improve the **effectiveness** of contribution of CIS products to the national OSH information programme? (2)

- Train CIS contact persons, e.g how to access and use CIS products
- Publish scope notes on CIS products
- Simplify language to make products more accessible
- Develop a national OSH information programme in some countries
- Improve the website of CIS Centres at national level and have links to organizations at national level
- Strengthen relations between CIS and ILO inviting competent people to CIS meetings
- Prepare CIS practical information tools

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Question 3: What are the key national OSH information programme/activities? Please share recent successful initiatives (1)

- organize awareness raising campaigns, incl. on TV and in the press
- open satellite OSH information units
- launch a programme on risk assessment
- organize workplace inspections
- organize training seminars
- organize a regional workshop or event
- distribute 50000 OSH education packs
- distribute safety awards
- set up a website
- provide press clipping service and publish a newsletter
- adopt a work ban to fight heat stress
- adopt a national strategy for well-being at work
- train employers, workers and OSH committee members
- publicize OSH results through “knowledge translation”
- develop format better suited to users
- establish an information network

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Question 3: What are the key national OSH information programme/activities? Please share recent successful initiatives (2)

- establish a database on OSH national information
- organize seminars
- publish guidelines
- translate national OSH programmes from others countries
- organize visits of experts
- develop web online tools
- organize online courses
- establish a register for inspection checks
- engage management and professionals in OSH activities
- adoption of national OSH legislation
- organize workshops for parliamentarians and tripartite constituents
- establish a national policy framework for workers' health
- prepare a plan of action for national OSH committee

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Question 4: What could ILO-CIS do in support of the national OSH information programmes in the coming years? (1)

- provide expertise and know-how
- provide financial assistance to develop capacity (incl. to buy equipment, for 28 April, for fellowships, to attend seminars)
- organize a regional workshop to raise awareness about CIS activities and products
- disseminate OSH information in the world
- prepare a project to develop institutional capacities of CIS Centres in developing countries
- prepare a selection of good practice and successful stories on OSH
- improve website and dissemination of products
- expand the network of OSH institutions
- reinforce local capacities through training of experts
- continue to share information
- improve communication channels through the web
- update CIS products (Encyclopaedia)

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Question 4: What could ILO-CIS do in support of the national OSH information programmes in the coming years? (2)

- shake up decision makers
- participate in CIS activities locally
- collect information on labour inspection
- produce information on emerging topics
- provide technical assistance for OSH information programme
- improve communications with CIS Centres
- organize workshops and study visits among CIS Centres in the same region
- improve communication channels among CIS Centres
- assist in applying ILO OSH policies through practical guides (ILO-OSH 2001)

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Question 5: What are the roles of your centre (as a CIS Centre) in national OSH advocacy activities such as the World Day on OSH (28 April)?

- celebrates the World Day
- organizes awareness raising activities, in some countries at Parliament
- advocates for a national OSH policy
- disseminates messages among companies
- day used to reinforce OSH awareness
- disseminates information through website
- provides articles to medias and the press
- informs stakeholders
- translates and distributes materials
- organizes best practice prize award
- celebrates European Week
- organizes a three-month event, road-shows, exhibitions
- organizes awareness raising among children
- disseminates African Newsletter
- prepares an OSH action plan, training manuals, distribution of brochures

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● Summary and conclusions

- Replies are very disparate
- Difficult to find priority elements
- Update our products
- Provide documents in local languages
- Assist with training and capacity building
- Provide expert advice
- Provide financial assistance to developing countries
- Reinforce regional capacities

One thing that seems to be a common thread is to have the CIS adapted to the 21st century.... Your comments are appreciated



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THANK YOU!

