

Occupational Safety and Health Legal Frameworks

Date: Tuesday 24th June, 2025

Time: 13:00 – 13:45

Modality: Hybrid

Convened by: ILO and GFC

Context and Background

Globally, workers face significant health and safety risks from exposure to hazardous chemicals in various industries. Lack of or inadequately enforced OSH legal frameworks can exacerbate these risks, leading to preventable illnesses, injuries, and fatalities, and hindering the safe and sustainable management of chemicals. Strengthening these frameworks is crucial for protecting workers' rights, promoting decent work, and contributing to the GFC's objectives.

Session Objectives

To explore how national occupational safety and health (OSH) legal frameworks can be strengthened to contribute to the safe and sustainable management of chemicals across their lifecycle, ultimately protecting workers' health and safety.

Agenda

Time	Program
13:00 – 13:08	Welcome & Introduction to the session Speaker: Halshka Graczyk (ILO)
13:09 – 13:23	Strengthening OSH legal frameworks Speakers: • Strengthening enforcement mechanisms for chemical safety, Maxwell Memusi, Ministry of Labour- Kenya • Workers' rights and responsibilities, Rory O'Neill, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) • Best practices and approaches beyond basic legal compliance, Robert Marinkovic, International Organisation of Employers (IOE)
13:24 – 13:40	Open discussion
13:41 – 13:45	Wrap up and Final Remarks Speaker: Halshka Graczyk (ILO)