COVID Knows No Borders

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020
Time: 8:00AM-10:00AM EST
Virtual- Link TBC

AGENDA

7:30AM  Panelist portal opens on Zoom
8:00AM  Welcome remarks from Mr. Peter Tichansky, President & CEO, BCIU - Introduction of 3M
8:03AM  Opening remarks by Dr. Denise Rutherford, Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs, 3M
8:08AM  Opening remarks from Mr. Roberto Suárez Santos, Secretary-General, International Organization of Employers
8:13AM  Introduction of Panel Discussion 1 “COVID-19 Occupational Safety and Health Lessons Learned” and Moderator

Panel Description:
Life is precious. We all want our loved ones to be safe. The COVID-19 pandemic has made health care workers’ safety and health a national and international priority. Additionally, new challenges have arisen as we move into a ‘New Normal’ and companies and governments are faced with health and safety challenges of protecting workers returning to work as well as the dramatic increase in working remotely. In this pandemic, countries and health systems have learned precious lessons regarding Health Care Worker protection, Essential Worker Protection and Supply Chain Challenges to obtaining much needed personal safety equipment. Safely opening businesses and industry has necessitated additional considerations for personal protection. Governments recognize that we live in a just-in-time production and just-in-time consumption system. In such a system when there is a dramatic rise in demand, supplies and manufacturing often have a lag time to keep pace, even if additional capacity has been kept in reserve and activated quickly. There are lessons to be learned by governments and industry. Panelists will share their insights in this session.

Panel Discussion moderated by Nikki McCullough, Global Technical Services and Regulatory Manager, 3M PSD:

- International Commission on Occupational Health: Dr. Sergio Iavicoli, Secretary General
- **World Health Organization**: Dr. Maria Neira, Director, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health
- **International Labour Organization**: Mr. Joaquim Pintado Nunes, Chief, Labour Administration, Labour Inspection and Occupational Safety and Health Branch Governance and Tripartism Department

8:53AM  Panel Discussion 1 Q&A

9:05AM  Introduction of Panel Discussion 2 “COVID-19 and the New Normal” and Panel

Panel Description:
Additional lessons learned relate to continued challenges in worker safety, pandemic preparedness, and regulatory and supply chain infrastructure. Public and private partnerships are essential for improving worker health and safety. With regard to pandemic and emergency preparedness, we have seen that access to products that are within the sovereign borders of a country are most reliable as the nation responds. Therefore, in the new normal, we must continue to work towards overall worker health and safety. Stockpiling essential goods is a prerequisite for national preparedness. Many countries have identified PPE that may be readily available in normal times, but in times of scarcity – as in the current pandemic – may be hard to procure. Countries are well served to open their procurement to all available products that conform and are certified to other global requirements to maximize their opportunity to procure needed materials from all available sources.

Panel Discussion moderated by John Pournoor, Global Head, Government Affairs, Center of Excellence, **3M**:
- **International Organization of Employers**: Mr. Matthias Thorns, Deputy Secretary-General
- **CDC**: Dr. Maryann M. D'Alessandro, Director, National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

9:45AM  Panel Discussion 2 Q&A

9:55AM  Closing Remarks

10:00AM  Program Conclusion