

COVID-19: WHAT EMPLOYERS NEED TO KNOW ON VACCINATIONS AND PREVENTION

Tuesday 5 October 2021, 14:00 – 15:30 (CET)

Concept note

Guy Ryder, Director-General of the International Labour Organization, Dr Soumya Swaminathan, WHO's Chief Scientist, together with the President of the American employer organisations, Eversheds and others will join IOE's next Covid-19 and work digital summit on vaccines and prevention measures.

These global leaders will provide much-needed insights to IOE's network of 50 million companies on how employers and employer organisation can manage the latest Covid challenge on vaccine mandates and the role and responsibility of the employer.

Employers remain on the frontline of the pandemic response with the most recent development finding them caught between calls to require vaccination in the workplace and other demands to respect privacy and leave decisions on vaccination to the individual. Complicating further the situation in developing countries is the lack of access to vaccines in addition to vaccine hesitancy. How can employer organisations help companies navigate all these complex and politically charged issues? Our distinguished panellists will answer this fundamental question and others to ensure business leaders and workers are safe at work.

From the onset of the pandemic, IOE has been mobilising its network to provide relevant information to support members with appropriate safety and health measures, preventive actions to minimise disruption to productivity, strategies for mitigation of financial losses, and overview of government initiatives to reduce economic stress on business. As part of IOE's effort to identify the drivers and priorities for a job rich, productive, sustainable and quality road to recovery, this meeting is aimed to provide qualitative and diversified information to the Employers' network from high-level speakers to better face the ongoing Covid-19 crisis.



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Agenda

14:00 – 14:05	1. Welcome	Roberto Suarez Santos – IOE SG
14:05 – 14:25	2. Opening remarks	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of play and guidance Vaccination and prevention in workplaces 	Dr Soumya Swaminathan – WHO's Chief Scientist Guy Ryder – ILO DG
14:25 – 15:25	3. Panel	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking action as Employers Effective and equitable recovery Q&A 	Peter Robinson , CEO & President – USCIB Susan Hopgood , President – Education International (EI)
14:45 - 15:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on legal aspects Q&A 	Tom Bray , Partner Employment & Pensions – Eversheds Sutherland
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joining forces (B4SA) On the ground level Q&A 	Martin Kingston , Chairperson – Business for South Africa (B4SA) Steering Committee François Rohrbach , General Manager Switzerland and Senior VP Human Resources – Firmenich
15:25 – 15:30	4. Concluding remarks	Roberto Suarez Santos – IOE SG