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ILO Showcase Series on Chemical Safety: "From Pilot to Practice"

Labour Dialogue Events

Wednesday, 18 November 2026 | 09:30–12:30 CET
Club L'Esprit de Genève (Level 0), CICG, Geneva

1. Purpose

The thematic space for labour will showcase how the world of work can practically implement Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC). Notably, GFC Target D7 calls for stakeholders to implement measures and strive to ensure effective occupational health and safety practices as well as environmental protection measures in all relevant sectors and throughout the supply chain, by 2030. The programme will feature two country showcases on ILO-supported good practices for chemical safety in the world of work. Session one focusses on Nepal's agricultural sector, and session two on Pakistan's construction and textile sectors.

Attendees may include labour stakeholders, OSH practitioners and donor representatives. Breaks follow each activity, during which speakers remain available for discussion. Information products detailing the work completed in Nepal and Pakistan, including opportunities for scaling, will be shared/distributed.

2. Programme

Event 1: Scalable Interventions in Nepal's Agriculture Sector
Moderator: Bandana Aryal, National Project Coordinator, ILO
Speakers
1. Jitendra Prasad Sharma, Senior Divisional Engineer, Ministry of Youth, Labour and Employment (MoYLE) 2. Saroj Kumar Chaudhary, Joint Secretary (Tech.), Ministry of Agriculture, Forest and Environment (MoAFE) 3. Bigyan Koirala, Chief Administrative Officer, Suryodaya Municipality 4. Shalikram Kafle, General Secretary, All Nepal Trade Union Federation (ANTUF) 5. Rabin Rai, General Secretary and Managing Director, Central Tea Cooperative Federation Nepal (CTCF)
Event 2: Scalable Interventions from Pakistan's Construction and Textile Sectors
Moderator: Rabia Razzaque, Senior Programme Officer, ILO
Speakers
1. Zahoor Awan, Adviser, Pakistan United Workers Federation (PUWF) 2. Syed Nazar Ali, Secretary General, Employers' Federation of Pakistan (EFP)

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Event 1 | Advancing Chemical Safety at Work: Scalable Interventions in Nepal's Agriculture Sector	
Time	**Item**
09:30–09:35	**Welcome and project overview** • Moderator: Bandana Aryal, ILO – Opening remarks and overview of ILO project achievements on chemical safety
09:35–10:25	**Discussion: Showcasing good practices for the sound management of chemicals in the agricultural sector in Nepal** *National institutions* • Jitendra Prasad Sharma, MoYLE – How is Nepal integrating chemical safety into OSH policy, and what progress has been made? • Saroj Kumar Chaudhary, MoAFE – How can environment and labour ministries work together to deliver the GFC? *Municipal level* • Bigyan Koirala, Suryodaya Municipality – What chemical and waste risks arise locally in tea and agriculture, and how are municipalities responding? *Perspectives of the social partners* • Shalikram Kafle, ANTUF – How are trade unions improving workers' protection? • Rabin Rai, CTCF – What are tea cooperatives doing to reduce chemical risks, and what is needed for future scale up?
10:25–10:40	**Questions from the floor to the speakers and interactive discussion** • Moderator: Bandana Aryal, ILO
10:40–10:45	**Close by the Moderator**
10:45–11:00	**Networking, refreshments served**

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Event 2 | Advancing Chemical Safety at Work: Scalable Interventions from Pakistan's Construction and Textile Sectors	
Time	**Item**
11:00–11:10	**Welcome and showcase video** • Moderator: Rabia Razzaque, ILO – Opening remarks – Screening of a video on sound management of chemicals in the textiles sector
11:10–11:40	**Discussion: Showcasing good practices for the sound management of chemicals in the construction and textile sectors in Pakistan** • Rabia Razzaque, ILO – How is Pakistan addressing chemical safety at work, and what progress has been made? • Zahoor Awan, PUWF – How have training and worker participation improved workplace protection from chemical hazards? • Syed Nazar Ali, EFP – What are employers doing to improve chemical safety, and what barriers do smaller firms and subcontractors face?
11:40–11:55	**Questions from the floor to the speakers and interactive discussion** • Moderator: Rabia Razzaque, ILO
11:55–12:00	**Close by the Moderator**
12:00–12:15	**Networking, refreshments served**

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