

## **PURPOSE and OBJECTIVES:**

The 60th World Health Assembly in 2007 adopted the Global Plan of Action on Workers Health 2008-2017 (GPA) and requested WHO to promote its implementation and to maintain and strengthen the network of WHO Collaborating Centres (CCs) for Occupational Health as an important mechanism for its implementation.

WHO maintains an active global network of 54 CCs and a large number of other collaborators that develop practical solutions and the evidence base for addressing occupational health problems, it promotes research and building of capacities for action on occupational health.

The first contribution of this network towards the implementation of the GPA was carried out through the 2009-2012 working period and was agreed upon at the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Global Network in Geneva, 2009.

WHO convenes the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Global Network of CCs for occupational health with the following objectives:

1. to review the progress made by WHO and its CCs in implementing the GPA,
2. to develop a strategic and focused workplan for further implementation of the GPA objectives for the period 2012-2017.

The meeting is expected to result in large collaborative projects, working groups, partnerships and networks for the implementation of the identified priority initiatives under the new strategic workplan.

Invited participants include directors and experts from the WHO CCs, WHO experts from headquarters and the regional offices, representatives from the NGOs in official relations with WHO, the ILO, organization of employers and trade unions.