ASEAN-OSHNET’S GUIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
A COMMON RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

The member organisations of the ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network (ASEAN-OSHNET) assembled in Yogyakarta, Indonesia at the 20th ASEAN-OSHNET Coordinating Board Meeting referring to the ASEAN-OSHNET Policy Dialogue on Risk Management Framework;

This is a follow up on the Joint Statement on Improving Occupational Safety and Health for Sustainable Economic Growth was made by the ASEAN Labour Ministers at the XXI World Congress on Safety and Health at Work held in Singapore on 3 September 2017 (hereafter referred to as “Joint Statement”). This document is hence made in support of the Joint Statement’s undertaking to strengthen risk management capabilities in ASEAN which provides the foundation to improve OSH standards.

THE ASEAN MEMBER STATES AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. RECOGNISE risk management as the cornerstone to prevent deaths, injuries and ill health at work in the ASEAN region;

2. REAFFIRM the need to adopt national laws and regulations on risk management in workplaces for the protection of workers;

3. ACKNOWLEDGE the importance of top management’s commitment for the effective implementation of risk management in enterprises;

4. PROMOTE sharing of experiences, best practices and knowledge in risk management to build capabilities in inspectorates, enterprises and workers, to eliminate or minimize work-related hazards and risks; and

5. ADOPT for the development of a common framework for risk management in ASEAN so as to build a connected and competitive ASEAN region.
THE COMMON FRAMEWORK FOR RISK MANAGEMENT TO:

a) Develop national legal frameworks on risk management in workplaces for the protection of workers;

b) Adopt acceptable standards for enterprise risk management implementation;

c) Support risk management capability-building for the enterprise and worker communities;

d) Raise top management’s commitment for the effective implementation of risk management in enterprises through supply chains; and

e) Ensure proper implementation of risk management in enterprises through effective enforcement.