

Feedback: Meeting held on 14 October 2020 with International Labour Organisation (ILO) Technical Working Group (TWG) and Eastern Cape MEC of Health

Following an inspection conducted by the Departmental of Employment and Labour inspector at Frere Hospital (East London EC), and the issuing of a Health and Safety non-compliance certificate, the MEC of EC Health made a request to the ILO for Technical support. The ILO confirmed their approval of the request and arranged a meeting on 17 September 2020 with various stakeholders in view of rendering the requested technical support.

A technical working group had been established with representatives from the following institutions in attendance during the meeting:

- Department of Employment and Labour (National and Provincial)
- Department of Health EC
- Representatives from the Recognised Trade Unions
- ILO

During the meeting held on 17 September 2020 a concept was endorsed that contained a proposed strategic intervention with 5 result areas including:

1. Governance
2. Labour Relations
3. Health and Safety
4. Sectoral activities
5. Progress Monitoring

Following the endorsement of the concept note, two sub-committees was elected with the following tasks at hand:

1. To draw up a Workplan
2. To draw up Terms of Reference and the Roles of the Committee

The employer is to indicate, where it had implemented the relevant provisions and the chamber would determine which service without consultation and which should be the subject of consultation.

The abovementioned tasks were completed by the TWG and was presented to the EC MEC of Health during a meeting held on 14 October 2020.

The next step will be to implement the Workplan and members will be kept informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER