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The International Social Security Association (ISSA), founded in 1927, is the leading organization for social security institutions, whose aim is to promote social security systems in the globalised world. By providing its members with information, research reports, specialist counselling and opportunities for discussion during seminars, conferences, etc., ISSA supports the development of social security throughout the world. ISSA members have defined four strategic objectives:

- to provide member organisations with relevant knowledge, and assistance with its internalisation;
- to offer members opportunities to exchange opinions and experience by establishing relevant networks and international forums;
- to promote dynamic principles of social security at the international level;
- to ensure a high level of services to member organisations, effective implementation of programs and good governance of the association.

The Constitution, adopted in its amended version in 2007, during the 29th General Assembly, established the following ISSA bodies: the General Assembly, the Council, the Bureau and the Control Commission, as well as the following officers of the Association: the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer and the Secretary General. The Secretariat cooperates with Technical Commissions, the Special Commission on Prevention and a network of International Prevention Sections on construction, chemical industry, iron and metal industry, mining, agriculture, transportation, machine and system safety, electricity, health, education, research, information and culture of prevention. International sections of ISSA are financially independent and have a decentralised structure. Sections collect information pertaining to the scope of their activity, organise international symposia, expert meetings and round table discussions. Working groups constituted by individual Sections develop documents on various topics. All ISSA Sections actively participate in the organisation of the World Congress on Safety and Health at Work.

ISSA's activity, regulated in the Constitution, is organised in three-year programs. In a three-year period ISSA organises four Regional Social Security Forums and several technical seminars and international conferences focused on key aspects of social security. ISSA collects and disseminates, mainly via its website, data on national social security programs, results of research studies and strategic analyses.

ISSA currently brings together more than 320 member organisations from over 150 countries. Cooperation with them is facilitated by the network of ISSA liaison offices and contact points on every continent.