Session 16

Critical thinking and problem solving

In addition to the objectives, targets and performance indicators, it is needed to decide what action to take to best address the situation. To effectively address a situation, avoid addressing the obvious symptoms only, but focus on the underlying root causes and contributing factors instead.

The implementation of this session will require about 1 hour and 35 minutes.

Learning outcomes

At the end of this session, the participants will be able to

- 1. adapt strategies and methodologies of critical thinking.
- 2. develop the skillset needed to conduct a root-cause analysis.
- 3. apply different techniques to problem solving.

Training materials required

Presentations	Handouts/Worksheets	Reading
PPT 16_Critical thinking and problem solving	Workbook session 16	REMC Company Handbook – sections 5.1

Session plan

Time in min	Content/Activity	Reference/Material
5	Introduction • Present learning outcomes and overview of the session	PPT 16_Critical thinking and problem solving slides 1 – 2
5	Presentation - Critical thinking What it is? Its benefit and different methodologies of critical thinking.	PPT 16_Critical thinking and problem solving slides 4-09
45	Presentation - Root cause analysis	PPT 16_Critical thinking and problem solving Slides 10-21
	 Group exercise: Root cause analysis Worker handling Azo dyes without using personal protective equipment (PPE). What actions do you suggest using the 5 Why method? What actions do you suggest using the Fishbone diagram? 	Work book session 16-2
	Ask the participants present their findings to the peers and share the knowledge.	

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35	Presentation - Assessing Alternatives • Discuss on SWOT analysis, decision tree, cost benefit analysis	PPT 16_Critical thinking and problem solving Slides 22-26
	Group exercise: Evaluating alternatives • Waterless dyeing – assessing alternatives by using a method for the given case in workbook session 16	Workbook session 16-3
	Present the result in the peers	
5	Presentation - Problem solving Discuss MAIC methodology	PPT 16_Critical thinking and problem solving
		Slides 27-28
5	 Q&A Summaries key points of the session	PPT 16_Critical thinking and problem solving slides 29-30