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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

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**Courtyard Marriott
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

2026 WSO Speakers



Mr. Mark Mattheiss



Mr. Mark Mattheiss, WSO-CSE is the Senior Safety Director for Aramark, Facilities Division. Mr. Mattheiss has over 30 years of combined experience in occupational safety, nuclear safety, environmental compliance, and personnel / project management. Mr. Mattheiss has held certifications from the National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists (NRRPT), National Environmental Training Association (Certified Environmental Trainer, CET), and World Safety Organization (WSO).

Mr. Mattheiss has degrees in Nuclear Technology, and Organizational Leadership.

In addition to his professional achievements, Mr. Mattheiss has been married for 33 years and he and his wife have 3 remarkable children and 3 grandchildren. In their spare time the Mattheiss family enjoys taking the motor coach into remote locations, motorcycle riding, and sailing.



Prof. Dr. Elias M. Choueiri



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General Director in the Ministry of Public Works and Transport; President of Lebanese Association for Public Safety (LAPS), Lebanon; Director, WSO National Office for Lebanon. Professor Dr. Elias M. Choueiri is a High-Ranking Executive Officer in both Public and Private Institutions in Lebanon. He has authored/co-authored over 20 books, booklets, and book chapters, and over 300 refereed publications, technical reports, conference presentations and newspaper articles.

Dr. Choueiri pursued his higher education studies at several universities in the United States of America, culminating with a Ph.D. in Engineering Science, with concentration in Transportation Engineering, from Clarkson University, Potsdam, New York, USA, in 1987. He holds several graduate & undergraduate degrees in Civil and Environmental Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Computer Science, and Mathematics.

His research interests are mainly in the areas of safety education, safety management, highway design, traffic safety, driving dynamics, driver behavior, and railway transportation. He has won over 20 awards for his scholarship and has held faculty and managerial positions at several universities in the United States and Lebanon.

He serves (and served) on the editorial boards of a number of scientific journals. He is President of Lebanese Association for Public Safety (LAPS), Lebanon. He sits on the board of directors of the World Safety Organization (WSO), chairs the WSO Highway Transport Committee, chairs the WSO Transportation of Dangerous Goods Committee, and serves as WSO Liaison Officer to the United Nations.

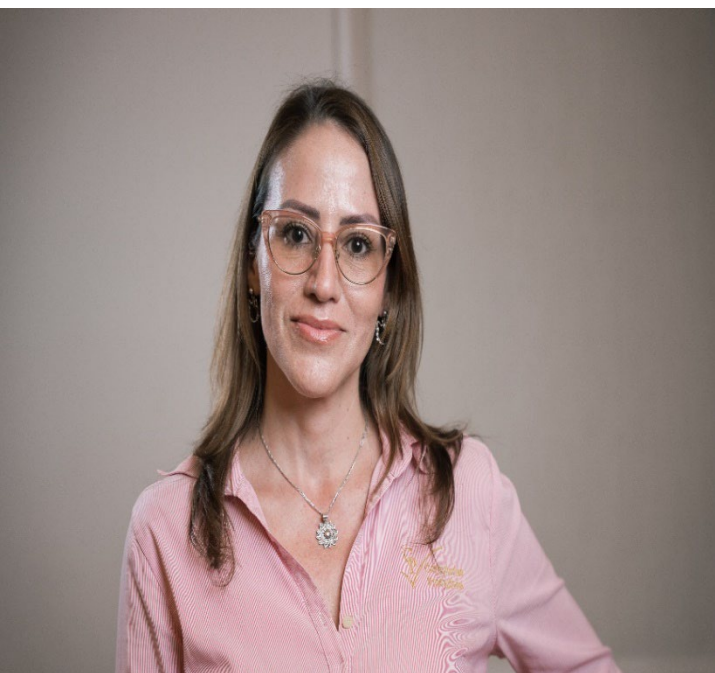


Albina Mingazova

Role of the Occupational Health and Safety in the Company's ESG Strategy



Albina Mingazova is an extraordinary manager and a recognized authority on occupational health and safety. She is the author of unique workplace health management programs, which have shown the positive results and have been implemented in the oil and gas, chemical and petrochemical industries and in the mechanical engineering industry of the Russian Federation. She is the member of the Council of the Interregional Association for Occupational Safety and Health, professional member of the World Safety Organization, member of the National Guild of Professional Consultants. She has contributed to the raising the profile of occupational health and safety amongst the employers in the Russian Federation. Her advice has enabled the occupational health and safety professionals to build an occupational health and safety culture, an occupational health and safety economy, that is seamlessly integrated into the company. She has contributed to the development of occupational health and safety leadership. Her author's research has been presented at the scientific regional, national and international conferences and published in the scientific journals and scientific collections.



Catalina Fandiño Valderrama PANAMA WSO-CSI (SL)

Catalina Fandiño Valderrama is an Attorney at Law specializing in Occupational Hazards, Occupational Health and Safety, and Integrated Management Systems, with over 15 years of experience. Currently, she serves as an international advisor, consultant, certifier, inspector, and facilitator. She is a writer of specialized articles on safety and occupational risk prevention, and the owner of Consultorías Productivas (info@consultoriasproductivas.com).



Charles A. Santamaria, WSO-CSE, WSO-CSSD, TSSP, CHST, CLCS has more than 35 years of experience in construction safety, security, risk management, and regulatory compliance for major rail, transit, tunneling, mining, water, and heavy civil infrastructure projects throughout North America. He serves as President of R&M Consulting and Construction of CA, LLC and as Safety and Security Oversight Manager for the California High-Speed Rail Authority, providing oversight for more than 97 miles of active construction. A member of the World Safety Organization Advisory Board, Mr. Santamaria has held leadership and oversight roles on projects including the California High-Speed Rail Program, BART Silicon Valley Extension, Sound Transit University Link LightRail Tunnel, Southern Nevada Water Authority's Lake Mead Intake No. 3 Tunnel, and the South Hartford Conveyance and Storage Tunnel. A licensed Cal/OSHA Mining and Tunneling Safety Representative and Gas Tester, OSHA-authorized trainer, MSHA-trained instructor, and bilingual English Spanish professional, he specializes in tunneling safety, contractor oversight, regulatory compliance, emergency preparedness, and risk management for complex underground construction and transportation infrastructure projects.



Kimberly Oseme is a QHSSE professional with over seven years of experience in health, safety, environment, and ESG across European and North American operations. Currently based in the Netherlands, she serves as QHSSE Coordinator at Sirva International, leading multi-standard ISO implementation and auditing across European and North American sites spanning ISO 9001, 14001, 45001, and 27001.

Kimberly holds an MSc in Environmental and Energy Management from the University of Twente, where her thesis examined the claims-to-action consistency of major energy and oil and gas firms — directly informing her research interest in the gap between policy and real-world implementation. Her background spans oil and gas operations, renewable energy, GIS-based environmental analysis, and data-driven HSE reporting.

Kimberly brings both operational depth and academic rigour to the intersection of AI, environmental policy, and organizational compliance."



Alfredo A. De La Rosa, Jr., WSO-CSE, is a safety advocate and safety professional with over 28 years of experience in safety, health and environment. He was awarded the 1999 WSO James K. Williams Award, due to his dedication and work with the World Safety Organization (WSO). He is a member or the WSO Corporate Board and former President-Director General of the World Safety Organization. He is also presently the Director of WSO International Office for Philippines, WSO Representative to the United Nations, Director and Immediate Past Chairman the Association of Safety and Health Training Organization of the Philippines, Inc. (ASHTOP), President & Chief Executive Officer of AJJA Hazmat Solutions, Inc. and Head of the Construction Committee of Varsity Hills Homeowners Association.

He obtained his Bachelors of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Sto. Thomas, Philippines. Continuing his education, he took up safety, health and environmental courses.. With his technical background, training, experience, and as WSO-Certified Safety Executive, he was instrumental in the development of educational programs in safety, health and environment for the World Safety Organization in the Philippines and awarded with the 1999 WSO Best Educational Programs and the 2015 and 2017 WSO International Office of the Year Award.



Juan Carlos Ocasio is President and Principal Consultant of American Safety Training & Consulting Co., LLC (ASTCS), specializing in operational readiness, risk management, occupational safety, emergency

preparedness, and incident management. A former New York Guard Staff Sergeant, Ocasio's military service included state active-duty assignments supporting Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Maria, Lake Ontario flooding, and the COVID-19 response. He earned the Military Emergency Management Specialist–Master designation and graduated from FEMA's National Emergency Management Basic Academy. His professional development also includes FEMA/NIMS All-Hazards Safety Officer, Liaison Officer and Supply Unit Leader coursework, along with OSHA Outreach Trainer qualifications in General Industry and Construction. Ocasio is a World Safety Organization Certified Safety & Security Director and has extensive civilian experience in commercial insurance, risk management, workplace safety, loss prevention, and emergency planning. His work focuses on helping organizations transform compliance requirements into measurable operational capability and resilience. His leadership philosophy is captured in a simple call to action: "See the Need. Stand in the Gap. Close the Hole." His mission is helping organizations become Prepared Today. Resilient Tomorrow.



Michael Thomas attended Sandhills Community College and North Carolina Central University. He joined the United States Air Force and was assigned to Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina. He earned his Associates Degree in Safety Technology from the Community College of the Air Force. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Western New England College while stationed at Hanscom AFB, MA. He earned his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Troy State University While stationed at Incirlik AB Turkey. He took Ph. D courses at Virginia Polytechnic Institute while stationed at the Pentagon. He went to work for the US Coast Guard and wrote a thesis on "The United States Coast Guard Fire Strategy". He then joined the Federal Aviation Administration. Michael worked recruiting technicians into the Federal Aviation Administration. He worked as a Safety Manager there for 30 years. He has been on the board of the World Safety Organization and serves as the certification committee chairperson, and as a WSO consultant to the United Nations in New York, promoting worker safety. He earned a PhD. in Christian Education from Breakthrough Bible College and Theological Seminary. He completed work detail projects at the US Department of Transportation. His work exposure to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and US Coast Guard broadened his Department of Transportation (DOT) wide experience. He learned about Pipeline Safety, Maritime Safety, Railway Safety, Aviation Safety, Highway and Motor Carrier Safety. He has been the longest serving WSO Transportation Committee Chair and continues in that capacity. He brings decades of safety experience and has reviewed submissions of WSO Technical papers and membership applications from around the world. He is the CEO of Transportation Safety International, LLC.



Estefanita Rawlings is the Center Director of the New Mexico Small Business Development Center's Technology Commercialization Accelerator (TCA) at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in Socorro, New Mexico. In this role, she assists entrepreneurs, inventors, researchers, and small businesses in navigating the commercialization process, helping them move innovative ideas and technologies from concept to market. She provides intellectual property education and guidance, helping clients understand and implement strategies to protect their innovations and business assets. She also promotes cybersecurity awareness throughout New Mexico, providing education and resources that help businesses and individuals strengthen their digital security and resilience.

A proud alumna of New Mexico Tech, Estefanita earned degrees in Computer Science and Mathematics. Prior to joining the NMSBDC TCA, she built an extensive career in education, serving as both a Senior Data Analyst and Senior Programmer Analyst, where she developed expertise in data analysis, technology systems, and problem-solving.



Monica P. Cervantes

World Safety Organization-World Management Center

Madam Chairman of Board/CEO

is the founder and CEO of Twin Horse Environmental. She is a World Safety Organization-certified safety instructor master level (ISO 17024) and WSO-certified safety technician who has authored articles for the "World Safety Journal." Cervantes is a certified safety professional, associate safety professional and industrial hygienist. She owns Twin Horse Environmental, Vida Medical Management and La Chava, and she is a business partner in Kyros Global Group. Cervantes serves as the founder and chief executive officer of the Gracias Foundation, and member of the WSO's board of directors.



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PRE-EVENT - Sunday, 11 October 2026

1:00 – 4:00 pm	Registration/Information Table Open WSO Board of Director Meeting CLOSED MEETING
4:00- 6:00 pm	WSO CHECK IN AND REGISTRATION

DAY 1 - Monday, 12 October 2026

8:00 am- 8:15am	Welcome WSO- President Director General -Engr. Alfredo A. De La Rosa
Room 1	
8:15 – 8:30am	Welcome to WSO-MADAM CHAIRMAN OF BOARD/CEO-Monica P. Cervantes
8:30 – 9:00 am	Juan Carlos Ocasio From Compliance to Capability: Integrating Process Safety, Incident Command
	<i>Snacks and Drinks Provided</i>
9:00– 9:15 am	BREAK
9:15 – 10:15 am	Dr. Michael Thomas Introduction to Transportation
10: 15 am- 11:15 am	Catalina Fandiño Valderrama Gobernanza Y Riesgo Psicosocial: Estrategias de Cumplimiento para Organizaciones
11:15 am-12:15 pm	Estafinita Rawlings Cybersysecurity Essentials: Simple Steps to Protect Your Business
12:15 pm- 1:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:00– 2:00 pm	Charles Santamaria <u>What Decades Underground Taught Me About Safety</u>
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Isaac Diaz Safety Without Borders The Future of Predictive Safety

3:00 pm- 4:00 pm	Albina Mingazova Modern Approaches to Psychosocial Risk Management in a Changing World of Work
4:00 pm- 5:00 pm	Dr. Elias Choueiri Impact of Electronic Medical Record Adoption on Nursing Practice and Barriers to Implementation in Lebanon Hospital: A Cross-Sectional Study
	Awards Banquet 7:00-9:00 p.m.



DAY 2 – Tuesday, 13 October 2026

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Information Table Open

Day 2**October 13, 2026****SESSION 1**

8:00 – 9:00 am

Men at Work
Monica P. Cervantes**SESSION 2**

9:00 – 9:45 am

Mark Mattheiss
Creative
Engagement and
Recognition

9:45- 10:30 am

BREAK | *Snacks and Drinks Provided***Session 3**

10:30 am- 11:30

Kimberly Oseme
Policies Don't Save the
Planet-People Do**SESSION 4**

11:30- 12:00 pm

WSO Update

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

LUNCH BREAK | *On Your Own***SESSION 5**

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Global Round Table Session II**Closing****SESSION 3**

2:00 – 3:00 pm

WSO President -Director General- Engr. Alfredo A De La Rosa

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OUR SPEAKERS

**A most sincere and appreciation to all the speakers who have agreed to give of their precious time.
Thank You,**

**Monica P. Cervantes
New Mexico, USA**

**Dr. Michael Thomas
Washington, DC USA**

**Mark Mattheiss
Michigan, USA**

**Kimberly Oseme
Netherlands**

**Albina Mingazova
Russia**

**Juan Carlos Ocasio
Florida, USA**

**Engr. Alfredo A. De La Rosa
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**Charles Santamaria
California, USA**

**Catalina Ferndão Valderrama
Panama**

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New Mexico, USA**

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