World Safety Organization’s National Office for Nigeria Observes 2018 World Day for Safety and Health at Work

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As an International Professional Health, Safety, Security and Environment Organization established to help assure healthy and safe working conditions for agencies, organizations, individuals and the general public as well as provide training, education, research, and information related to the field of occupational, environmental, safety, security and health and international professional membership in the safety profession, The World Safety Organization has keyed into this annual event as a way of promoting her objectives of making safety a way of life ... worldwide.

~ Soji S. Olalokun, Director, WSO Nigeria

The 2018 edition of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work with the theme “Generation Safe & Healthy” was the 4th edition of the day’s observance by the WSO National Office for Nigeria. As a result of April 28 falling on a weekend, the observance was held on April 27 in some centers and April 28 and 30 in others.

Benin, Lagos, Abuja, Warri, Port-Harcourt, Bayelsa, and Ilorin were the cities that hosted this year’s observance, and over 1250 persons attended across the venues – testament of WSO Nigeria’s rising profile in safety, health and environment concerns in Nigeria.

In the various venues, the program had in attendance stakeholders from the Government, corporate organizations, students, youths and other members of the public. It also featured special walks, briefings, and presentations by various experts in the safety and health sector.

Papers were presented on the theme “Generation Safe & Healthy,” and various speakers highlighted the need to improve the safety and health of young workers and end child labor across the nation. It was the general consensus that policies and laws would need to be strengthened by Government...
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Welcome to the WSO May Newsletter! We hope you enjoy the content of this issue.

I want to remind you that our annual Symposium is coming up September 17–19. If you have not yet made plans to attend, we ask that you consider doing so. Join your colleagues and associates as you enjoy the sessions and make new connections. Submit your registration today!

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As always, we welcome feedback on the content of the newsletter. Please let us know if you have suggestions or comments.

Also, thank you for being a WSO member. We value your support! [CHB]

WSO Nigeria Observes World SafeDay

at all levels to bring an end to the exploitation of children through child labour and the attendant effect on the individuals and society.

The event provided a unique opportunity for individuals from all walks of life to connect, communicate, and collaborate with safety and health professionals and become better acquainted with the issues under discussion. Special discussion panels were also on ground to put things in perspective and create opportunities for the audience to ask questions and receive the answers from the panelists.

The event also featured the presentation of special awards to deserving members of the public, as well as special presentations from individuals and groups. The SafeDay has become a focal point for recognizing the outstanding works of individuals, organization and the Government in HSE matters.

The continuous growth and impact of the SafeDay observance in Nigeria is a result of the viable and mutually beneficial partnership the office has over the years forged with individuals, organizations, and the Government. There is no doubt that the level of awareness of safety, health, and environment issues has grown astronomically in Nigeria these past four years, and the SafeDay Observation has become a veritable ground to continue to spread this awareness to everyone until safety is a way of life across this great nation.

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Soji S. Olalokun, Director of WSO National Office for Nigeria, pictured above and far right, during WSO Nigeria’s Commemoration of the ILO’s “World Day for Safety and Health at Work.” Also pictured at right are Dr. Okunola P.O. (Deputy Director, WSO Nigeria) and Kelly Ogiesoba (Public Health & Safety Educator) during a courtesy follow-up visit to the Commissioner for Youths and Special Duties, Edo State.
WSO Nigeria Commemorates SafeDay 2018

Soji Olalokun makes special recognition presentation to the Hon. Mika Amanokha (Hon. Commissioner for Youths and Special Duties, Edo State)

Participants of the Port Harcourt (Rivers State) SafeDay

From left: Dr. Okunola P.O. (WSO Nigeria Deputy Director, Pediatrician and Neurologist, UBTH), Bugie Okhuemoi (Strategist, Milbrands, and Master of Ceremonies), Dr. Dan-Ehremerwen Enowoghomwena (WSO Nigeria State Rep., event speaker), Dr. Valentina Okeigbemen (Consultant Paediatric Ophthalmologist, UBTH; Lecturer, Department of Ophthalmology, UNIBEN, and event speaker), Jim Uwadiae (Deputy Director Clinical Services representing Prof. Darlington Obaseki, Chief Medical Director, UBTH, Benin City), Soji Olalokun (Director/President, WSO Nigeria), Emmanuel E. Chukwu (Assistant Corps Commander, Policy, Research & Statistics, representing the Sector Commander FRSC, Edo State Command), Franklin Agbonlahor (Director, Edo State Fire Service and event panelist), Best Okojie (Safety Manager, Lit Group), Nweke Gilbert (HSE Manager BEDC, Benin City, and event panelist), Dr. E.O. Igudia (Lecturer, HSE Department, UNIBEN, Representing the Head of Department).

From left: Stanley Ologun (NISCN Rivers State Chairman), Engr. Desmond Chucwuemeka George (MD Deslog Energy and WSO Nigeria Rivers State Rep.), James Awwara (President, Greenhope Center for Environmental & Health Development), Uneke Friday (Administrative Manager, Deslog Energy)

Alfred Ajao (MD/CEO AB-Factor Global Concept Limited, Kwara State Rep., and LOC Chairman for SafeDay 2018), pictured center, with students of St. Joseph Centenary Catholic College, GRA Ilorin, Ilorin (Kwara State)
The annual World Day for Safety and Health at Work on April 28 promotes the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally. It is an awareness-raising campaign intended to focus international attention on the magnitude of the problem and on how promoting and creating a safety and health culture can help reduce the number of work-related deaths and injuries.

The ILO celebrates the World Day for Safety and Health at Work on the April 28 to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally. It is an awareness-raising campaign intended to focus international attention on emerging trends in the field of occupational safety and health and on the magnitude of work-related injuries, diseases and fatalities worldwide.

With the celebration of the World Day for Safety and Health at Work, the ILO promotes the creation of a global preventative safety and health culture involving ILO constituents and all key stakeholders in this field. In many parts of the world, national authorities, trade unions, employers’ organizations and safety and health practitioners organize activities to celebrate this date.

April 28 is also the International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers organized worldwide by the trade union movement since 1996. Its purpose is to honor the memory of victims of occupational accidents and diseases by organizing worldwide mobilizations and awareness campaigns on this date.

The ILO became involved in the April 28 campaign upon request from the trade union movement in 2003. While the ILO honors injured and fallen workers, they appreciate and celebrate that these injuries and fatalities can be prevented and reduced, recognizing it as both a day for commemoration and celebration. Since 2003, the ILO observes the World Day on Safety and Health at Work on April 28 capitalizing on its traditional strengths of tripartism and social dialogue.

April 28 is seen as a day to raise international awareness on occupational safety and health among trade unions, employers’ organizations and government representatives alike. The ILO acknowledges the shared responsibility of key stakeholders and encourages them to promote a preventive safety and health culture to fulfill their obligations and responsibilities for preventing deaths, injuries and diseases in the workplace, allowing workers to return safely to their homes at the end of the working day.

This year, the World Day for Safety and Health at Work (SafeDay) and the World Day Against Child Labour (WDACL) came together in a joint campaign to improve the safety and health of young workers and end child labor.

The campaign aimed to accelerate action to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 8.8 of safe and secure working environments for all workers by 2030 and SDG target 8.7 of ending all forms of child labor by 2025. Achieving these goals for the benefit of the next generation of the global workforce requires a concerted and integrated approach to eliminating child labor and promoting a culture of prevention on occupational safety health (OSH).

There are 541 million young workers (15-24 years old) globally. They account for more than 15 per cent of the world’s labor force and suffer up to a 40 per cent higher rate of non-fatal occupational injuries than adult workers older than 25. They include 37 million 15-17 year-olds in hazardous child labor.

Many factors can increase youth vulnerability to OSH risks, such as their physical and psychological stage of development, lack of work experience and lack of training, limited awareness of work-related hazards and a lack of bargaining power that can lead young workers to accept dangerous tasks or jobs with poor working conditions.

The 2018 SafeDay campaign highlighted the critical importance of addressing these challenges and improving safety and health for young workers, not only to promote decent youth employment, but also to link these efforts to combat hazardous – and all other forms of – child labour.

For more information on annual campaigns since 2003, please visit: http://www.ilo.org/.

Global Child Labor Statistics

- Worldwide 218 million children between 5 and 17 years are in employment. Among them, 152 million are victims of child labour; almost half of them, 73 million, work in hazardous child labour.
- In absolute terms, almost half of child labour (72.1 million) is to be found in Africa; 62.1 million in the Asia and the Pacific; 10.7 million in the Americas; 1.2 million in the Arab States and 5.5 million in Europe and Central Asia.
- In terms of prevalence, 1 in 5 children in Africa (19.6%) are in child labour, whilst prevalence in other regions is between 3% and 7.2% in the Arab States (1 in 35 children); 4.1% in Europe and Central Asia (1 in 25); 5.3% in the Americas (1 in 19) and 7.4% in Asia and the Pacific region (1 in 14).
- Almost half of all 152 million children victims of child labour are aged 5-11 years. 42 million (28%) are 12-14 years old; and 37 million (24%) are 15-17 years old.
- Hazardous child labour is most prevalent among the 15-17 years old. Nevertheless up to a fourth of all hazardous child labour (19 million) is done by children less than 12 years old.
- Among 152 million children in child labour, 88 million are boys and 64 million are girls.
- 58% of all children in child labour and 62% of all children in hazardous work are boys. Boys appear to face a greater risk of child labour than girls, but this may also be a reflection of an under-reporting of girls’ work, particularly in domestic child labour.
- Child labour is concentrated primarily in agriculture (71%), which includes fishing, forestry, livestock herding and aquaculture, and comprises both subsistence and commercial farming. 17% in Services; and 12% in the industrial sector, including mining.

WSO National Office for Cameroon observed the ILO’s World Day for Safety and Health at Work with a seminar hosted by their sponsor, Cameroon Safety Services.

Topics discussed during the course of the day included:
- History of World Safety Day and this year’s theme
- Presentation of World Safety Organization and how QHSE Engineers and those willing to embrace a safety career can take advantage of its National Office for Cameroon
- Becoming a WSO Member
- Obtaining WSO Certification
- Becoming internationally recognized and specializing in a safety career (aviation safety specialist, oil and gas safety specialist, hazardous materials safety specialist, construction safety specialist, industrial hygiene specialist, etc.)
- Attending the 31st Annual WSO International Environmental and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Development Symposium, September 17–19, Charleston, West Virginia, USA
- The newly-voted ISO 45001

During the course of the exchange on how the different participants’ companies handle Safety, Health, and Child Labour, one of the Senior Safety Professionals testified that his company discovered that their subcontractor highway drivers were exploiting pre-teens as “Motor Boys” (assistants). The company has developed a policy which will eventually end this practice by the Transportation Contractor.

The successful event wrapped up with a “Safety Family” photograph followed by refreshments.

What is ISO 45001?
ISO 45001 is a new international standard for occupational health and safety (OH&S), providing a framework for managing the prevention of death, work-related injury and ill health, with the intended outcome of improving and providing a safe and healthy workplace for workers and persons under an organization’s control.

For more information:
Qatar Safety Organizations Hold Joint Celebration of the ILO’s World Day for Safety and Health at Work

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The International Labor Organization’s Annual Commemoration of World Day for Health and Safety was observed by safety organizations in Qatar. The International Institute of Risk and Safety Management (IIRSM) Qatar Branch, in partnership with the Philippine Association of Safety Engineers (PHASE) Qatar, held their first joint one-day “Workplace HSE Summit” at the Plaza Inn Doha on April 27.

The event was attended by approximately 100 Safety Practitioners from various companies, establishments, the World Safety Organization National Office for Qatar (WSO-NOQ), and the Philippine Society of Safety Professionals. Nine specialty topics centering around Occupational Safety and Health were delivered by invited speakers who are experts in their fields from the academe, construction, and legal fields with focus on vulnerabilities of young workers and the like.

Leo Dote  WSO-CSI(ML) (former PHASE President and Adviser for Planning and Development), Mark Stephens (Chairman of IIRSM Qatar Branch), Jemar Latonio (PHASE Adviser), Eliseo Bermido (PHASE President 2018), and their officers spearheaded the one-day event which was sponsored by Doka, Filinvest, and UAQ Safety Training and Consultancy, who also sponsored the raffle prizes of various safety training courses.

David Des Dicang (Labor Attaché, Philippine Overseas Labor Office) gave his inspirational message and likewise delivered the message of Philippine Secretary of the Department of Labor Silvester Bello. Houtan Homayounpour (International Labor Organization Country Director) also expressed his message to the attendees on the role of ILO in enhancing workplace safety and health.

The safety organization’s initiative in organizing the event aims at further spreading the important message and the value of workplace safety and health to everyone at the workplace that nobody gets injured in the course of achieving and contributing to the development of the host country.

“Call for Speakers” Deadline Extended to June 30!

Abstracts for the Symposium are still being accepted! You may submit online or request a Call for Speakers packet from the WSO-WMC: www.worldsafety.org symposium@worldsafety.org | +1-660-747-3132

For your convenience, the Paper Outline/Abstract and Individual Registration forms are available on pages 8 and 9.

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Nael Group of Companies held an international safety award function in conjunction with an observation of the ILO’s World Day for Safety and Health at Work. Moreover, Nael Management selected April as “Safety Month” with an aim to accelerate sustainable development in OSH standards.

Nael management conducted this function on April 23, 25, 26, and 28 in projects, factories, and the head-office by holding various training programs, safety trips, stress management programs, and a safety quiz.

“OSH Vulnerability in Young Workers” was the main agenda of the function, defining the protection of young workers in workplace and aiming to stop child labour. Representatives from Industrial Development Bureau (IDB) and Al Ain Municipality, along with the Managing Director, General Manager, and Corporate HSE Manager of Nael Group, each conveyed their messages and defined the role of safety culture throughout the organization.

Dedicating a full month for safety awareness was an historical decision taken by the Nael management and shows the company’s overall commitment to health and safety.

From the HSE statistics of Nael Group, it is very clear that obstructions are the real boosters of their success, and Nael’s management proved their motto: Feel the obstructions, shape yourself, and develop completely.

Other topics on the agenda were:
- World Safety Day ceremony was organized for the remembrance and action for workers who were died, disabled, injured or made ill by their work.
- To promote a safety and health culture to fulfill everyone’s obligations and responsibilities for preventing fatality, injuries and diseases in the workplace.
- To provide recognition to workers who made a difference in factory and in their community by learning and following safety rules in Nael Organization.

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Nominations will only be accepted through the June 30 deadline, so submit today!