

## **SOUTH AFRICA**

### **World Environmental Health Day**

The South African department of health, together with the South African Institute of Environmental Health (SAIEH) and the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) will be hosting the first celebrations of the World Environmental Health Day in Queenstown on the 26 September 2012.

Environmental Health Practitioners all over the country are expected to show up in large numbers at Queenstown. The key note address will be delivered by the National Minister of Health, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi. The President of the SAIEH, Mr Selva Mudaly, is also expected to deliver a speech at this occasion, outlining the role of the IFEH in the establishment of the WEHD in the global calendar as well as the role played by Environmental Health Practitioners in preventing diseases and improving the lives of ordinary South Africans. Around three hundred delegates country wide are expected to attend.

As a precursor to the National celebrations, Environmental Health Practitioners around the country held workshops, seminars and community meetings to highlight the importance of Environmental Health in the country and the important role this noble profession continue to play in the overall health system of the country. A number of these events were held in the past weeks in various Provinces of the country and will continue until the first week of October 2012.

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