



ACTIVITIES OF EHSA HELD IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 2019 IFEH WEHD

Environmental Health Students' Association (EHSA) is a students' body operating in the department of Environmental Health Sciences, Faculty of Public Health, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. Our motto is "Promoting Public Health through Sound Environmental Practices". Our vision is to ignite a passion for protecting the natural environment and ultimately the health and wellbeing of man in our community.

In commemoration of the 2019 IFEH World Environmental Health Day with theme "Climate Change: Time for global Environmental Health to act in unison" EHSA organized a week long activities tagged "WEHD/EHSA Conference" from Tuesday 24th to Friday 25th September, 2019 in partnership and Collaboration with stakeholders and EHSA parent organizations including the Department of Environmental Health Sciences and Environmental Health Scientists' Association of Nigeria (EHSAN). Through these programs, environmental issues are personalized to enable everyone to realize not only their responsibility, but also their power to become agents of change in support of sustainable and equitable development; everyone counts as stakeholders in this initiative. The EHSA Conference was also to mark EHSA 25th Anniversary.

Day 1 (Tuesday 24th September, 2019)

The Conference started with an awareness walk along a major road in Ibadan metropolis (Mokola to Dugbe). Public education and awareness on dangers of climate change and measure to reduce its effects were communicated including waste management, carbon emission, cooking stoves emissions etc. Tags were; save mother earth, go green to save the blue no planet B, Save the Planet, etc. Major targets were market women, slumps, school children and road users. The walk commenced by 8:30am and rounded up by 11am. The walk was organized in partnership with NYSC Oyo State CDS.

Day 2 (Wednesday 25th September, 2019)

Interschool competitions for YES CLUB primary and secondary school students. Youth Environmental Scout Club (YES-CLUB) is a school base club established by the department of Environmental Health Sciences. Through YES Club school children are taught environmental sustainability and are engaged in various novel projects with an annual interschool competition during EHSA week. The event featured children from various schools around Ibadan coming together to discuss environmental issues through debates, quiz and spelling bee and a lecture by Mrs. Margaret Ana on the topic "**Climate Change, a fact or fiction?**". Held at the Faculty of Public Health, College of Medicine, U.C.H, Ibadan. Winners of the various competition categories were awarded and prizes given to participants. This event was organized with support from CHEST Initiative and SUMAL Foods limited.

Day 3 (Thursday 26th September, 2019)

An academic symposium organized by Environmental Health Scientists' Association of Nigeria (EHSAN) in collaboration with the department of Environmental Health Sciences with EHSA giving all technical and



organizational support. The keynote topic was **“Effects of Climate on Animal life and how it affects food security and ecotourism”** delivered by Professor Oluwayelu of Veterinary Medicine University of Ibadan. The event featured panel discussion and presentations from students.

Day 4 (Friday 27th September, 2019)

EHSA initiated a **Plant Nursery Development Training/Tree Planting Project** in Schools which was commissioned on Friday 27th. The aim is to educate students on raising plant nursery for tree planting. This initiative is targeted at catching these young ones early and giving them the ability to personalize environmental issues and their mitigation measures. The Project site is Loyola College, Old Ife Road, Ibadan. Students were trained in different groupings on Plant Nursery Development and One Thousand (1,000) Seedlings Capacity Nursery was established within the school premises with economic and ornamental plants e.g Gmalina, Fire bush, Terminalia, Izora, etc. Currently the Nursery is 90 percent near completion as broadcasting seeds are expected to germinate on the broadcasting bed for planting in the nursery. This initiative has afforded students entrepreneurial skills and the school is envisioned to serve as a plant seedling bank in the community which can be a source of revenue for the school. The Nursery is maintained and managed by the YES Club students and a scheduled teacher with EHSA giving professional and technical supports. This Project was implemented with professional support from Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria (FRIN).

EHSA Connect: The evening of Friday 27th September was a students’ **“Dinner and Award Connect”** at West Grille restaurant, Bodija, Ibadan, where current and previous members of EHSA met to celebrate the success of the EHSA conference and to award outstanding members for their meritorious support and participation. This event was sponsored by individual students’ donations.