

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DAY 2020 PROGRAM

organized by

Environmental Health Scientists Association, Nigeria



in collaboration with

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and the

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Background

The World Environment Health Day (WEHD) 2020 celebration in Ibadan, Nigeria was organized by the Environmental Health Scientists Association, Nigeria (EHSAN), in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Faculty of Public Health, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, Oyo State College of Health Science and Technology, National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA), and the Nigeria Network for Action and Awareness for Environmental Health (NINAAFEH). The event was sponsored by Greenway Public and Environmental Health Initiative, Yowa network, ZARTECH Nig. Ltd., 7-Up Bottling Company and Fan milk Nig. Plc.

The theme for the year 2020 World Environmental Health Day was ‘**Environmental Health, a Key Public Health Intervention in Disease Pandemic Prevention.**’ The event brought together Environmental Health Practitioners, academia, Non-Governmental Organizations; members of Civil Society including the gentlemen of the press and other relevant stakeholders to a 2-day event.

The first day of the activity was on Friday, 25th September 2020. The day featured an awareness creation and sensitization walk from the OYSCHST premises, through Eleyele Round-about/Market Square, Ibadan. The awareness creation and sensitization walk were mainly to propagate the WEHD, 2020 and promote the role of environmental health practices in disease pandemic prevention. Short talks were presented in the local language and English to educate market women and men on the importance of clean water, sanitation and hygiene practices in minimizing the transmission of infectious diseases. In addition, a walk-through survey was carried out to assess the level of awareness and compliance to COVID-19 compliance guidelines in the host institution premises and the environs.

The second day, being Saturday, 26th September, 2020 witnessed the following activities; presentation of technical papers, panel discussions, variety show, technical training on decontamination procedures, reading of the communiqué and certificate presentation to all participants. Prof. GREE Ana gave the opening speech to welcome all participants to the fifth edition of WEHD 2020, adding that the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH), has set aside September 26th of every year to celebrate Environmental Health Profession.

The keynote lecture was delivered by Prof. M.K.C. Sridhar from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He presented on **Environmental Health, a Key Public Health Intervention in Disease Pandemic Prevention**, covering issues on Covid-19 disease burden; housing; waste disposal; inadequate water sanitation, ecosystems protection among others. Other technical sessions and papers delivered at the event were:

- i. Routine environmental surveillance and monitoring as a panacea for disease prevention;
- ii. Water Sanitation and Hygiene: essential factors in pandemic diseases prevention;
- iii. Child Health Environment and Safety Trust and its achievements and
- iv. Training workshop for Environmental Health Professionals as frontiers in response to COVID-19 pandemic.

Other important highlights at the events were:

- Introduction of a book by the Provost, (OYSCHST) Mr. M.A Ganiyu, titled “**The Basics of Environmental Health for Schools**”, written by Prof. Ana and Dr. Morakinyo of EHS Department, U.I Ibadan.
- Variety and Cultural dance display by (OYSCHST) student.
- Participants interactive and feedback Session.
- Presentation of Certificates of Participation to all participants
- Media Publicity and awareness creation for the WEHD celebration and propagation of environmental health, as a key to public health intervention in disease pandemic prevention on communication and information media were captured by Galaxy T.V, Amuludun Radio Station, widely read Print Media [Tribune & Guardian] and other Social Media Platforms.

PHOTO GALLERY FOR THE WEHD 2020



Road walk and awareness sensitization carried out at Eleyele Round-about



Cross sections of Participants and events on the Day 2 of the programme



Prof. Ana giving presentation, public sensitization and granting interview to members of the press



Cross section of Participants at the event