

BUILDING CAPACITY IN ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY IN KENYAN BUSINESSES

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The Kenya National Cleaner Production Centre helps businesses comply with Safety legislation that requires businesses to form Safety Committees and submit annual Occupational Health and Safety Audits. These committees are often inadequately trained and have limited information on hazards. The Centre has therefore incorporated safety in its activities to prevent occupational accidents and diseases and to improve the working environment. The Centre concentrates on principles of prevention and root-cause analysis. Since 2003 8 national workshops on Environment, health and safety have been held, and 167 experts have received safety training to implement industry safety programs. In September 2006 an East African workshop in Kenya drew participants from Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania with more than 80 businesses. The Centre has also undertaken 35 safety audits in 15 different business sectors. The Centre has launched an Occupational Health and Safety Award to recognize significant reductions in occupational health and safety hazards, and has developed an Industry Program to reduce or eliminate the generation and release of unintentionally produced persistent organic pollutants.