

# **Report on Outreaches Organised by ACE\_PUTOR**

**REPORT ON THE WORLD BANK AFRICAN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND TOXICOLOGICAL RESEARCH PARTICIPATION IN THE  
2019 INTERNATIONAL LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK OF ACTION  
HELD FROM 20 TO 26 OCTOBER 2019**

**BY**

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## **Introduction**

International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (ILPPW) raises awareness and promotes actions to address the human health effects of lead exposure, especially for children. During the Week, governments, academia, industry and civil society advance efforts to prevent childhood lead poisoning, and specifically laws to eliminate lead in paint.

The aims of the 2019 ILPPW were to:

- Raise awareness about health effects of lead poisoning;
- Highlight countries and partners' efforts to prevent particularly childhood lead poisoning; and
- Urge further action to eliminate lead paint through regulatory action at country level.

## **Centre Participant:**

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| ➤ Dr. Daprim Ogaji     | Centre Leader        |
| ➤ Prof. Best Ordinioha | Professor, ACE-PUTOR |
| ➤ Igbiri Sorbari       | Doctoral Student     |

## **Activity:**

**Type:** Live radio program at

**Venue:** 95.9 cool FM Port Harcourt at KM16 East-West Rd, Rumuosi, Port Harcourt.

**Date/Time:** 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019/ 10: 00 – 10: 15 am

**Content:** The participants highlighted

- The significance of the Week of Action,
- The health effect of lead poisoning,
- Previous lead poisoning cases in Nigeria
- Exposure of children to lead
- And the need for banning lead based paint in Nigeria.

- Further explained was the absence of any form of regulation on lead-based paint.

The program concluded with a charge on Government, the academia and all actors to make deliberate efforts aimed at banning lead based paint and other forms of exposure while charging health care professionals to increase monitoring of blood lead levels.



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**AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE  
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**REPORT ON A ONE-DAY SENSITIZATION ON BLACK SOOT HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020 AT EBITIMI BANIGO  
AUDITORIUM**

**PREAMBLE**

Sequel to the persisting environmental pollution arising from burning of artisanal crude oil in companies, private agencies, tyres, refineries, Africa Centre of Excellence, Centre for Public Health and Toxicological Research (ACE-PUTOR) in collaboration with University of Port Harcourt School of Public Health and Faculty of Science planned to organize a one-day public lecture to sensitize the public on black soot.

**METHODOLOGY**

As the persistence of black soot is believed to result for the combination of oil exploratory activities, meteorological changes, poor environmental

regulatory activities and the death of strategic knowledge resource to combat this preventable catastrophe, the Africa Centre of Excellence, Centre for Public Health and Toxicological Research (ACE-PUTOR) in collaboration with University School of Public Health and Faculty of Science printed banners, posters, sent email for invitation to the University Community and the general public through the local organizing committee in order to sensitize the public and galvanize the efforts of stakeholders towards finding permanent solutions to the double air pollution burden of black soot that have affected the city of Port Harcourt and its environment.

## **EVENT**

The one-day sensitization lecture and discussion on black soot was held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University of Port Harcourt.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ndowa E. S. Lale who was the Chief host was well presented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Regina Ogali, the University Management, Staff, Students, Deans, Heads of Departments and stake holders.

There was discussion and initiative section with stakeholders on the menace of black soot and how to find permanent solution to the double air pollution burden.

A total of 1,427, 000 participants attended the programme. The event featured lots of practical on how to prevent and manage soot at our homes and offices. The speakers from different background and stakeholders who participated in the discussion include -----

## **EVENT PICTURES**

Group pictures were taken immediately after the event with the Vice-Chancellor's representative, University Management, Stakeholders and Students as well as other picture during the event.

There was video coverage for the event showing some practical displayed during the event. The pictures and video are being stored in a CD and kept in ACE-PUTOR archive.

## **MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC)**

1. Dr. Kingsley Patrick-Iwuanyanwu - Chairman
2. Dr. (Mrs.) Ojule - Member

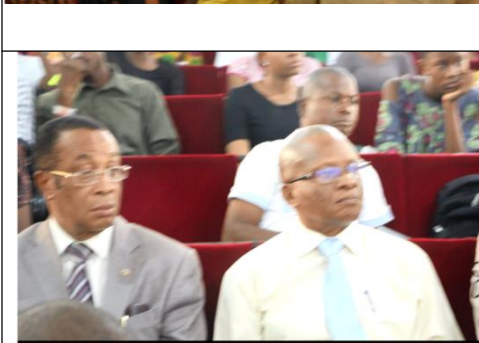
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| 3. Dr. Francis Anacletus              | - | Member    |
| 4. Mr. Williams Wodi                  | - | Member    |
| 5. Dr. Anthonet Ndidiamaka Ezejiofor- |   | Member    |
| 6. Dr. Faith Diorgu                   | - | Member    |
| 7. Dr. Catherine Ikewuchi             | - | Member    |
| 8. Mr. Confidence Igwe                | - | Secretary |

## EVENT PICTURES













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