

**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:

- 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: 22nd 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.

