



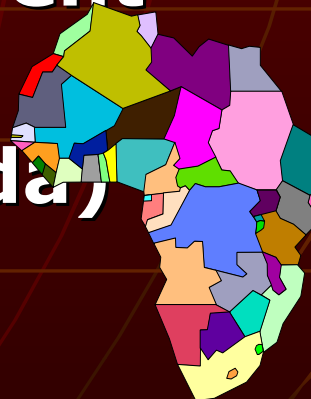
background WHO/ILO



Joint Effort on Occupational

Health in Africa

- **Magnitude of the problem (old, new, against the background of huge public health problems)**
- **OSH is not a perceived as priority area**
- **lack of coordination between WHO and ILO**
- **lack of coordination between different sectors in the countries**
- **many countries (Europe, US, Canada, have ongoing projects activities in Africa; hardly any coordination)**



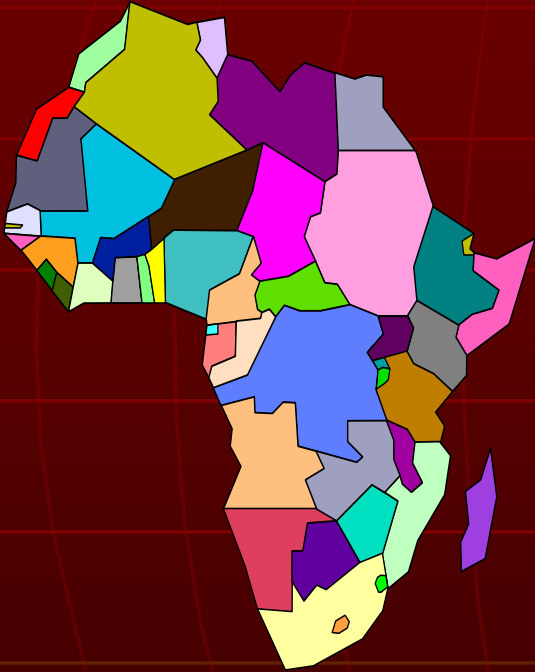
Purpose and scope

- Foster partnerships and synergies
- serve as a fundraising platform
- all countries in Africa (Anglophone, Francophone, Lusophone)
- workers in all sectors of the economy

process

- 2000: WHO meeting in Pretoria (Anglophone), with participation of partners from Europe, US, and ICOH, IOHA, IEA, and ILO; recommendation; JOINT WORK
- meeting in Harare (HQ AFRO) with ILO; decisions on name, objectives, areas of collaboration, workplan

WHO/ILO Joint Effort on Occupational Health and Safety in Africa areas of concentration



- Information sharing
- Capacity building
- Policy and legislation
- Particularly hazardous occupations and vulnerable populations



Mechanisms

- Steering committee (regional and subregional offices WHO and ILO, and HQ).
- Regular meetings (HQ, Regional and subregional)
- Formalization
 - statement of intent
 - next step; memo from regional offices to countries (all partners)

Action highlights

- Information; Website (www.sheafrica.info), periodic updates of activities, coordination with African Newsletter, CIS centers, ... information strategy
- capacity building; training on pesticides, dust, informal economy. Close coordination with FOGARTY and capacity building project from Sweden

Action highlights

- Policy and legislation; joint profiles (Egypt), joint national planning (Benin), joint support to regional activities (safety week for Francophone Africa in Burkina), new collaborating centres
- most hazardous and vulnerable
 - child labour (with IPEC)
 - informal economy (Capetown, with Healthy Cities project WHO)
 - HIV in health care workers



Accomplishments WHO/ILO



AJE.. summary

■ Partnerships

- Over 100 partners in 20+ countries; Ministries, agencies, universities, unions, employers, NGOs, Fogarty, individuals

■ formalization between Regional directors WHO and ILO

■ results

- Benin –National Joint effort (MOH, MOL)
- Egypt –National Joint Effort; joint country profile
- South Africa – Information Management strategy developed for Africa, including French and Arab speaking countries
 - Informal sector model; CapeTown

■ similar coordination ongoing in Latin America

■ model for other regions; Asia....

