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### **WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DAY 2017 (WEHD)**

**ZEHPA National Executive would like to put it on world record that on Friday 29 September 2017 in Kwekwe City, Midlands Province, Zimbabwe, the first ever WEHD Commemoration was held under the theme provided by the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) **INDOOR AND OUTDOOR AIR QUALITY****

**ZEHPA as an Association had collapsed for a period exceeding 10 years, and was then revived in August 2016. This year's (2017) WEHD came as the first big event after the Association's revival. The Environmental Health Community in Zimbabwe took the WEHD event seriously. The event was moved from the 26<sup>th</sup> of September to the 29<sup>th</sup> to accommodate as many visiting invited guests as possible.**

**The ZEHPA Vice President S.Musarapasi led a clean up exercise in Kwekwe City supported by local companies followed by a tree planting exercise where the City Mayor, ZEHPA President, Director Environmental Health, Kwekwe District Administrator and Midlands Provincial EHO planted a tree each.**

**State Universities and Colleges showed their supported, The National University of Science and Technology (NUST) was very instrumental as they presented on the effects of air pollution on human and environmental health. Kwekwe Poly Technical College students cited poems on Air Quality.**

**DELTA Beverages Bottling Company manager presented on the roles played by Industries in preventing and controlling air pollution. The ZEHPA President Mr P Mirirayi also addressed the gathering and explained about the Association (ZEHPA) and the role of the Environmental health Profession in the promotion of good health in the country.**

**The guest of honour was Mr G Mangwadu the National Director Environmental Health Services in the Ministry of Health. He gave a speech which addressed climate change issues, prevention of veld fires, importance of air quality monitoring and advantages of quality air to human and environmental health.**



**Picture insert 1. Guest of Honour Mr G. Mangwadu EH Director**

**Picture Insert 2. Invited Delegates from Ministry of Health, Ministry of Environment, Security Forces, Universities, Local Industries and Companies**



**Picture Insert 3 :Invited guests**



**Picture insert 4. The Tree Planting exercise on the WEHD 2017**



**The ZEHPA President left and Vice President far right planting a tree to promote clean air from GREEN vegetation.**

**Picture insert 5. The gathering following the WEHD Proceedings**



**Picture insert 6. The ZEHPA Vice President Stephen Musarapasi presenting Awards of Environmental Compliance to stakeholders.**



**Generally 2017 WEHD for Zimbabwe was a success. Considering that it was the first ever WEHD. ZEHPA would like to appreciate efforts and guidance from the IFEH as well as all the local institutions and individuals such as EHO Suzzaine Madamombe of Kwekwe City (the Event manager) who made the event a success through their hard work and dedication to Environmental Health.**