

Safety Training Program Fellow Profiles (2018)

Mr. Steve Nyamori



Mr. Steve Nyamori, STP's latest STP Fellowship trainee, was hosted by the Solvay Peroxides Unit in Warrington, U.K. in April 2017.

Steve Nyamori is Deputy Director of the Kenya National Cleaner Production Centre (KNCPC) in Nairobi, Kenya. The Vision of Nyamori's organization is *"To be a Centre of Excellence in Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production in Eastern Africa"*, and their Mission is *"To build national capacity for Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production application in enterprises through awareness creation, training, project implementation, and policy advice for increased enterprise productivity and sound environmental management"*.

Steve's training program was tailored to cover almost all the aspects on safety and environment in a chemical processing plant. The systems and programs that the plant is implementing and those that it is planning to undertake were also incorporated in the program. Attending some of the planned meetings that are related to safety was also an idea that enhanced the training program as it gave a firsthand experience to the trainees on how the challenges on safety and environment in the plant are handled. The guided walk through the plant while looking for/at specific aspects on safety during the training proved to be important as it blended the theoretical aspects with what is implemented in the plant.

The training program was also tailored to cover almost all the aspects on safety and environment at the corporate level for a Head Quarters that is in charge of several business units involved in Chemicals Manufacturing. The systems and programs that the corporation wants implemented and those that it is developing and planning to roll out for implementation by its business units were also incorporated in this training.

Attending some of the planned meetings that are related to safety and induction of new managers was also an idea that enhanced the training program as it gave a firsthand experience to the trainees on how the challenges on safety and environment in the plant are handled.

The guided walk through the labs, firefighting equipment training site and store, waste management sites, processing plants and workshops while looking for/at specific aspects on safety during the training proved to be important as it blended the theoretical aspects with what is implemented in these sites.

Mr. Nyamori has committed to carry out a number of follow-up initiatives through the Centre. The proposed activities are shown below. Also, Mr. Nyamori said that they will assist in building a STP Regional training for Kenya and other parts of Africa. This is an important initiative and will help the International Chemical Industry (International Council of Chemical Associations, ICCA) to accomplish their goals around the safe use of chemicals through Responsible Care in various parts of Africa.

Steve's initiatives will run in conjunction with the KNCPC objectives, which are:

1. Regular Capacity Building.
2. Promotion of Innovative Chemical Management Approaches in the African Region (Kenya).
3. Switch Africa Green (SAG) Promoting Sustainable Consumption and Production Practices and Eco-entrepreneurship. Greening the leather clusters and the Leather Tanning Industry in Kenya.
4. Chemical Safety Management and Responsible Production

He has developed specific actions, based on the knowledge gained in his training, to enhance movement to meeting these Kenyan goals. More specific information is available in the final STP report that Steve produced along with a time line of follow-up actions.