Positive industry turnout for A-OSH Expo, 2022

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The occupational health and safety (OHS) sector proved, once again, that face-to-face interaction cannot be beaten, with excellent industry support seen at the recent A-OSH Expo trade show.

The exhibition took place from 31 May to 2 June 2022 at Gallagher Convention Centre (alongside the Securex, Facilities Management Expo and Firexpo shows – a ‘four-industries-one-roof’ offering from Specialised Exhibitions, the largest trade show organiser in southern Africa). More than 8 300 visitors attended over the three-day period, and the shows featured more than 200 exhibitors. Mark Anderson, Portfolio Director at Specialised Exhibitions, said:

It has been a long two years since we’ve been able to hold larger live events and exhibitions in South Africa, so 2022 was a landmark year for these trade shows in many ways. Not only was it the first year since 2019 that we were able to bring Securex, A-OSH Expo and Facilities Management Expo back to the industry after a two-year hiatus, but we were also able to introduce the very first Firexpo, focusing exclusively on fire-related products and services.

As Africa’s biggest security exhibition, we were extremely proud to celebrate 29 years of Securex this year, with its continued focus on all elements of the security sector, from physical and retail security to access control, vehicle and personnel tracking, cybersecurity and more, while A-OSH marked more than a decade as Africa’s leading occupational health and safety expo. 2022 also commemorated the second year that Facilities Management Expo, the trade show that brings together all aspects of facilities management, has run alongside these two sector stalwarts.

The show floor was buzzing over the three-day period, and it was clear, for both visitors and exhibitors, that the industry was more than ready to re-engage and reconnect on an in-person basis.

While there was a very small drop in visitor numbers compared with the 2019 figures, reflecting the same trend already seen this year both locally and globally, the quality of visitors across the board is still extremely high.

The four trade shows also brought in a number of visitors from outside South Africa’s borders, with an excellent turnout from neighbouring African countries in particular.

Excellent feedback from exhibitors was received across all four shows. “It’s clear that this type of live event is now more important than ever in terms of building face-to-face connections and relationships, as well as allowing for a first-hand experience of new offerings”, said Anderson. “The BBF Safety Group is very committed to A-OSH Expo, and we are very pleased that we have had a busy stand”, disclosed BBF Safety Group’s Ruan Breedt. “We had a brilliant turnout and I’m very happy with the attendance. There has been significant appreciation from the visitors, who have been very interested.”


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