Dingani Moyo

Dingani Moyo is an associate professor at the National University of Science and Technology in Zimbabwe, and an honorary senior lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa. He stands as an ambassador for occupational medicine in east, central, and southern Africa, and the world at large, where he has contributed immensely to the development of the discipline. He was born in Gweru, in the Midlands Province of Zimbabwe, and he hails from a rural village in Zhombe, outside the town of Kwe Kwe.

Prof. Moyo qualified as a medical doctor in 1994 from the University of Zimbabwe, and did his internship at Mpilo Central Hospital and United Bulawayo Hospitals in Bulawayo – 'The City of Kings' – in Zimbabwe. After his housemanship, he worked at Gweru Provincial Hospital before joining the Zimbabwe Mining and Smelting Company (Zimasco) Pvt Ltd, the biggest chrome mining company in the country at the time. Joining Zimasco was the genesis of his journey of a thousand miles into occupational health. After Zimasco, he joined Debswana Diamond Mining Company at Orapa Mine Hospital in Botswana, and later moved to head the Occupational Health Services at Norilsk Nickel's Tati Nickel Mining Company in Francistown, Botswana. Thereafter, he rejoined Zimasco as the Group Health Services Manager, overseeing the company's hospital and its five occupational health clinics across the country.

Prof. Moyo was driven by his insatiable appetite to reach the highest echelons of occupational health. He obtained several qualifications in a bid to improve his skills, including:

1. Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (FRCP)
2. Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine of Ireland (FFOM)
3. Member of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine of Ireland (MFOM)
4. Master (Hons) of Occupational Health and Safety (MOHS), University of Newcastle, Australia
5. Master of Applied Health Services Management, University of Newcastle, Australia
6. Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees, University of Zimbabwe

In 2012, while attending the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH) congress, Prof. Moyo advocated for occupational health professionals in Zimbabwe to become ICOH members; he served as the first ICOH National Secretary for Zimbabwe (2012–2015). He has served on the ICOH Board for two triennia, 2015–2018 and 2022–2024, during which times he contributed to the global development of occupational health. In 2024, Prof. Moyo was elected as a Fellow of the prestigious Collegium Ramazzini, a select group of no more than 180 fellows from more than 40 different countries, each of clear personal and professional integrity, distinguished by their contributions to occupational and environmental health. In 2024, in recognition of his contribution to occupational health, he received two awards from the Society of Occupational Medicine (SOM) in the United Kingdom: 1) Outstanding contribution to the global development of occupational health, and 2) Outstanding contribution to occupational health research. He has published more than 50 research papers and more than 60 technical reports.

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Prof. Moyo serves on the ICOH Working Group on Modernisation of ICOH Processes and Practices. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of OSHAfrica and heads the Education and Competency Improvement Scientific Committee. He also serves on the Education Committee of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine (FOM), Ireland.

Prof. Moyo has led several regional projects in southern Africa. Under the Global Fund Project, TB in the Mining Sector, he was the technical lead for the establishment and operationalisation of 11 occupational health service centres in seven southern African countries. He was involved in the training of healthcare personnel on spirometry, audiometry, and diagnostics for TB and occupational lung diseases (OLDs). Under the East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA-HC), Prof. Moyo developed four generic mine health and safety standard operating procedures (MHS SOPs) for TB, HIV, and OLDs, and four country-specific MHS SOPs on the same for each of nine countries in the ECSA-HC. Under the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), Prof. Moyo developed a regional strategic framework for occupational safety, health, and environment for artisanal and small-scale miners (ASMs), and an occupational health services framework for Malawi and the Kingdom of Lesotho. Prof. Moyo assisted the Kingdom of Lesotho in developing the following documents for ASMs: 1) Occupational health, wellness, safety, and environment (OHSE) policy, 2) Handbook for OHSE, 3) Information, education and communication (IEC) strategic plan and communication advocacy on OHSE, and 4) Medical surveillance guidelines for ASMs.

As Prof. Moyo consolidates his contribution to occupational health, he is currently focusing on establishing a Master of Medicine degree in Occupational Medicine at the National University of Science and Technology in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. He is very keen on mentoring upcoming specialists and practitioners in the field.