

MESSAGE from JANICE GREEN, PRESIDENT JOHSPA



Welcome to the website of the **Jamaica Occupational Health and Safety Professionals Association (JOHSPA)**.

I was elected **President of JOHSPA** in February 2018, and in partnership with the members of the Board, I am committed to support the mission of the Association, ***To do all we can to promote the benefits of a healthy work environment and prevent occupational illness, or injury in the workplace.***

As an occupational health and safety professional for many years, I have learned the importance of companies focusing on "**best practices**," to ensure that their employees are: comfortable, reduce absenteeism, encourage productivity and retain quality workers!

During the ensuing year, my **three main objectives** will be:

1. Communication

To improve **communication about our outreach activities and ensure greater awareness about the aims and objectives of JOHSPA**, we have launched this website, to:

- Provide a **central place** to host information from **JOHSPA**
- Highlight **issues**, which are **of major concern**...and, as a
- **Teaching tool**, to encourage both employers and employees to learn more about issues relating to health and safety in the workplace.

2. Membership Drive

With an estimate of over 10,000 professionals in the sector, JOHSPA executives will be embarking on a focused membership drive, to increase our current membership by 100% within the current executive year.

3. Advocacy

Legislation: Our voices will be raised through the advocacy of our Association, and we will endeavour to work with key partners throughout 2018 to:

- Lobby for the passage of the **Occupation Safety and Health Act** in parliament, and
- Support regional and global initiatives, such as **World Day for Safety and Health** and **Work & World Day Against Child Labour**.

The members of the JOHSPA board look forward to achieving increased awareness, ongoing dialogue, and resolutions to the important issues impacting occupational health and safety.

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