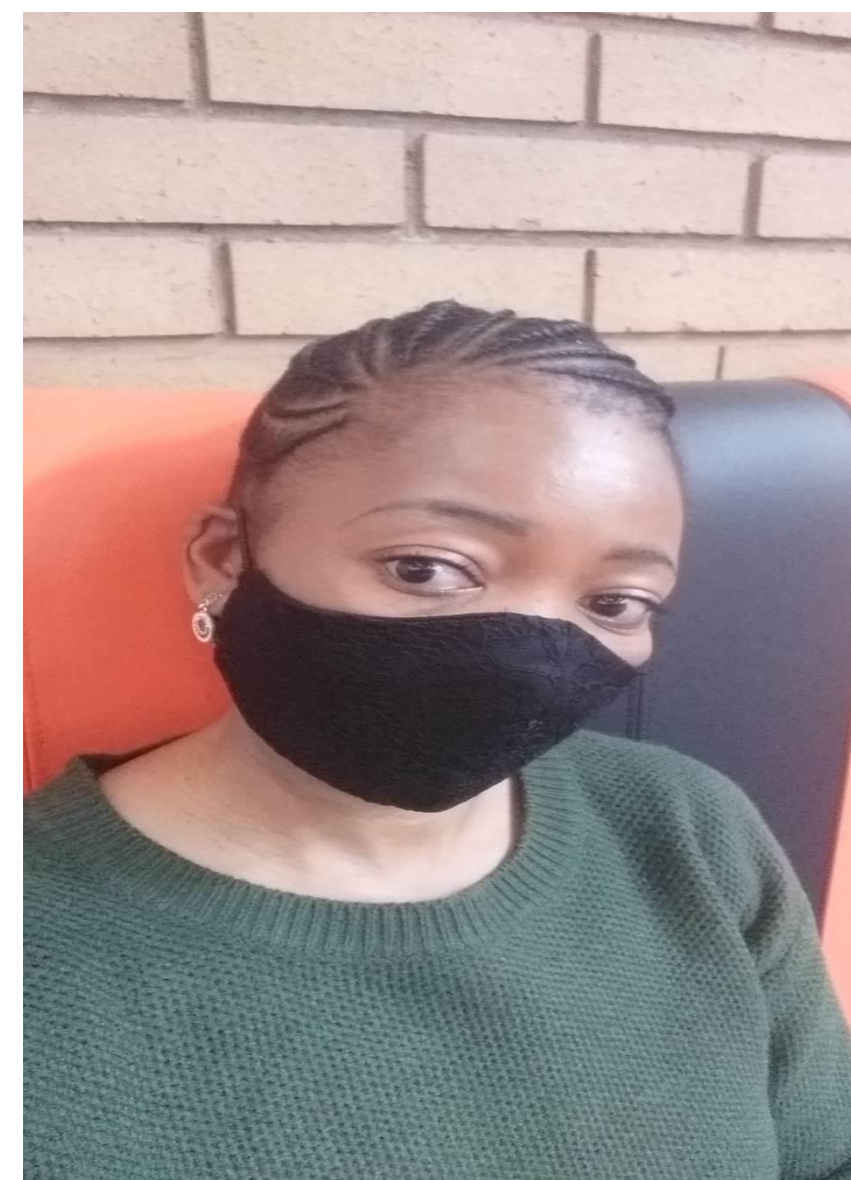




“GREETINGS FROM THE EDITOR”



Mrs. Charlotte Mokoatle
Editor: SAIEH Newsletter

Whilst we still facing the Covid-19 pandemic, Environmental profession passionately maintains the provision of services in accordance with its scope of practice. This seen in the great strives depicted in the articles covered in this newsletter, through law enforcement, joint collaborative innovative projects, waste management and CPD online workshops. Let this issue remind you of the vital role of Environmental Health in society.

“MESSAGE BY THE PRESIDENT”

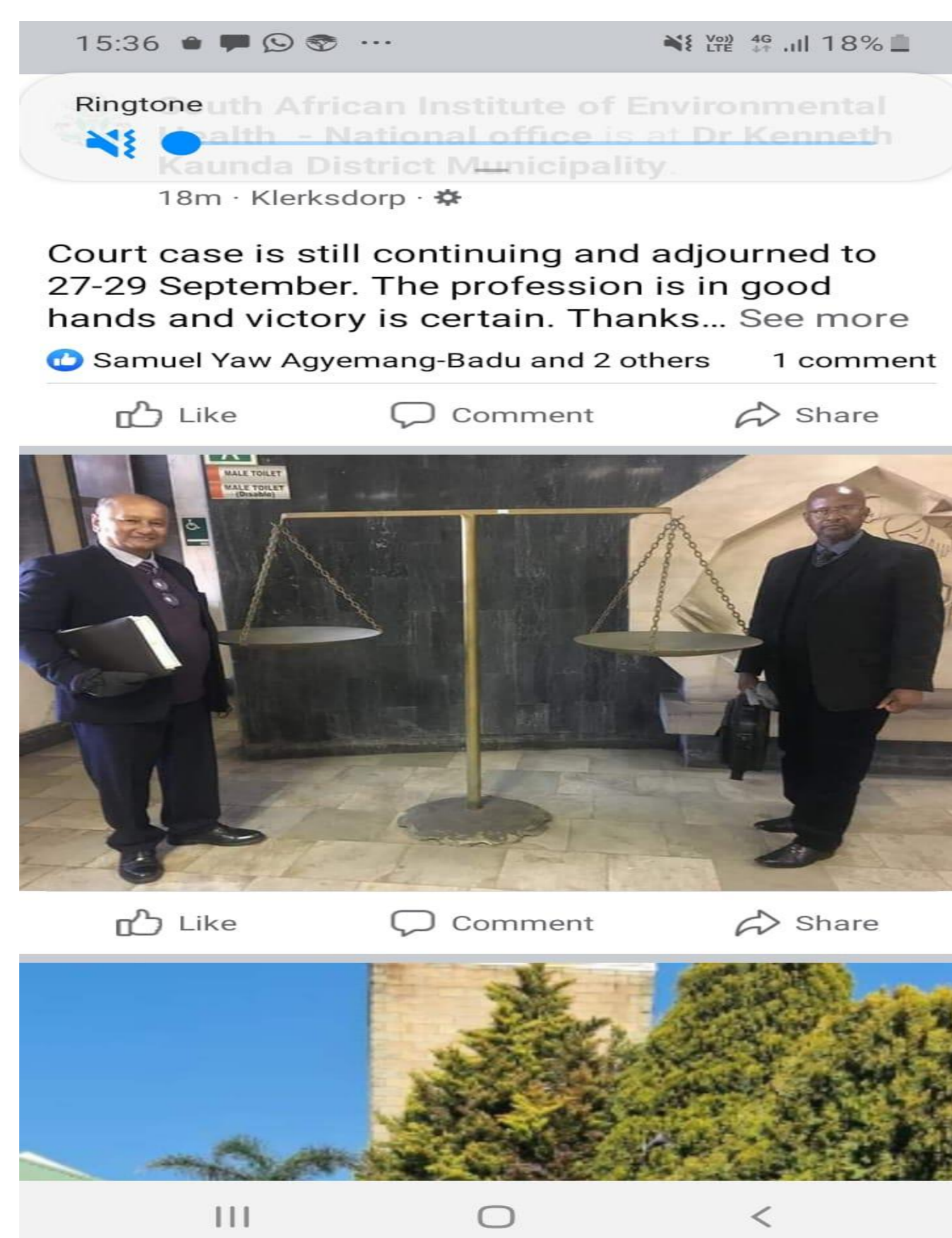


Dr Selva Mudaly
SAIEH President &
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Honourable colleagues, it has been a long time since I have communicated with you all. A lot has been happening in the field of Environmental Health. The National Department of Health had published changes to Environmental Health Legislation and have called for comments. The SAIEH submitted a detail set of comments, raising several changes and recommendations, and submitted this to the National Department of Health. A lot of my time has been spent dealing with the criminal case in the Klerksdorp Regional Court, in a matter where 2 persons are carrying out functions of Environmental Health Practitioners without being registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa. This case is going on well and on the first day, I lead evidence for 4 hours. The matter has been adjourned for the last week in September 2022. All our witnesses, including the HPCSA Representative has been well prepared for this case. Colleagues, please keep your fingers crossed and pray that we win this case. This case will make history for the country and will be a real achievement for the SAIEH.

SAIEH fighting the good fight in Court!

A subpoena was received from the National Prosecuting Authority for the President together with the team from Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality to appear in court from 06-09 February 2022. The case is continuing and adjourned to 27 -29 September 2022.



This is the first case of this nature as it has never happened before in the profession and HPCSA has been included to the group so that they can join what SAIEH is doing in fighting illegal practices within the profession.

I appeal to all of you to celebrate our World Environmental Health Day on the 26 September and make sure that we get the message out there that Environmental Health is the foundation for Health Services in all countries. Lastly, I want to appeal to all young and upcoming Environmental Health Practitioners, please get involved in the SAIEH and help us build Environmental Health in our country to be the best in the World.

Please keep safe and take care of all our communities.

SDG VILLAGE DEMO LUNCHEON

SAIEH in collaboration with the science and technology office at the Swiss Embassy and Mphaphuli Development Trust had an SDG Village Demo Luncheon on 22 March 2022 aiming to initiate community projects in Limpopo province, Vhembe District.

The SDG Village project is an initiative of the Science Office at the Swiss Embassy in Pretoria and the South African Institute of Environmental Health, jointly implemented with Tombolo Energy, Ekasi Energy and the Mphaphuli Development Trust.

The demonstration luncheon showcased the innovations to the diplomatic and science network of the Swiss Embassy,

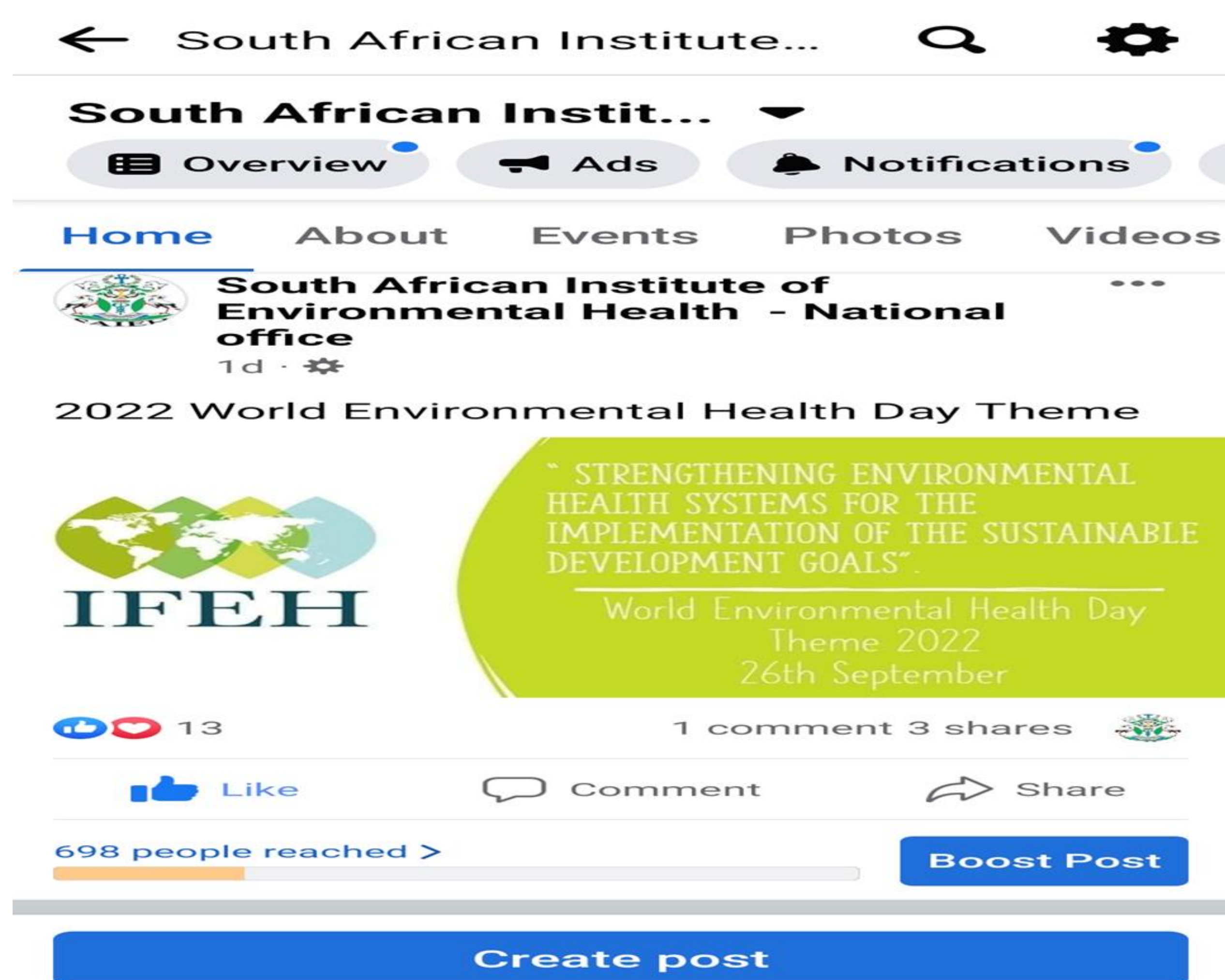
to the contacts of the project partners as well as advance a discussion about

applied research and innovation in rural areas for the sustainable

Development goals.



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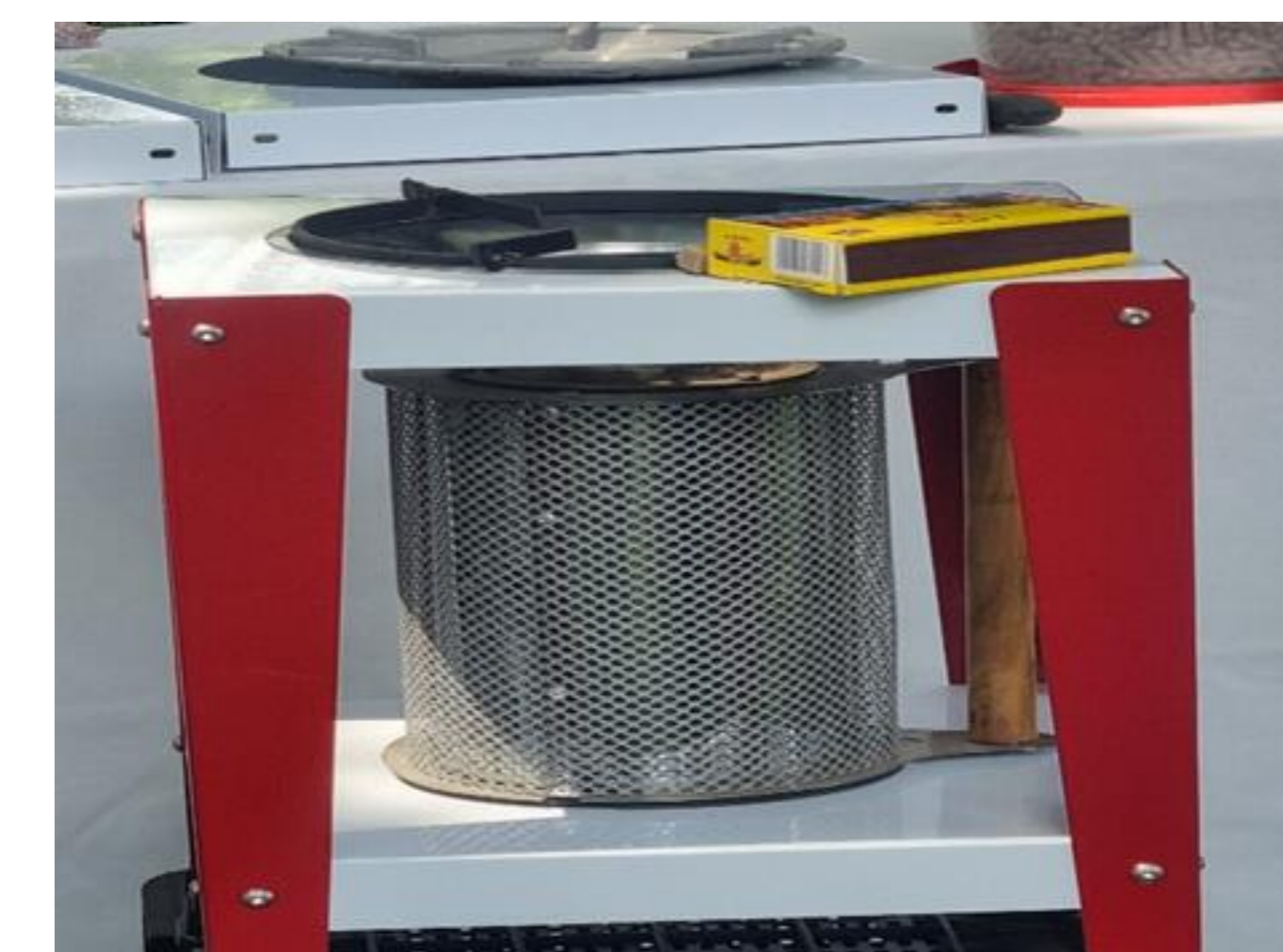


The SAIEH Facebook page is being used to send out updates to all the members CPD activities and any matter that is of interest to members and Environmental Health Practitioners at large.

Members are also allowed to voice their concerns, come up with suggestion and ask any questions TO the leadership. Currently, the page is being administered by Salome Pretorius (Treasurer) and David Nemaconde (General Secretary).



Pellets



Biomass cooking stove

The project intends to demonstrate through research the adoption of applied technology and innovation as a cleaner, safer, healthier and affordable model.



CHRIS HANI DISTRICT WASTE SUMMIT 2022

The district summit was held from 2 to 4 March 2022 at Roydon Game Farm, Komani. The objective of the summit was to give effect to the District Development Model (DDM) approved by Cabinet as a practical method to improve service delivery and development impact in the Chris Hani District Municipality space through integrated planning, budgeting, and delivery by all three spheres of government working together with stakeholders and communities and to promote and give effect to the objectives of the National Waste Management strategy 2020.



Keynote Address - Acting Deputy Director General: Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment: Ms. Tshilidzi Ligaraba

Day 1 was the district clean-up and environmental awareness programme in schools addressing the objective to provide awareness in communities and school on Waste Management related activities and the impact on the environment.



Day 2 focused on the launch of Enoch Mgijima LM Multi By-Back centre at Ezibeleni and formal intergovernmental and private sector dialogue with the continuation of the dialogue into day 3. Dr Mudaly, the President South African Institute of Environmental Health conducted a presentation outlining the Role of Environmental Health in Waste Management within Local Government. It was well defined as per legislative prescripts and real responsibility and roles of Environmental Health in Waste management.



SAIEH has undertaken CPD workshops to ensure continuous professional development of practitioners for knowledge expansion and capacitation.

An online CPD workshop titled Social determinants of health and sustainable development goals in Environmental Health was held on 6 May 2022. More CDP workshops on pertinent Environmental Health topics planned by the institute are to follow in the year 2022. Look out on communication via Facebook page.

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