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Women in Informal Employment:
Globalizing and Organizing

Finding New Solutions to Intractable Problems: Approaches to Occupational Health & Safety in the Informal Economy, and the Extractives Industry

DATE: Tuesday, February 20th 2018
TIME: 9am-12:30pm
VENUE: National Institute of Occupational Health,
25 Hospital Street, Constitution Hill, Johannesburg

The discipline and practice of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) faces several seemingly intractable problems in the 21st century. These challenges apply both to sectors in which occupational health practitioners have long been involved such as the extractives industry, and to newer areas of work such as the informal economy. Challenges in promoting and regulating OHS are not necessarily the same in these two areas of the economy, but they have in common the fact that OHS practitioners are searching for new ways of approaching very difficult problems. How to address the severe impact of the extractives industry on human health, the environment, and sustainable economies? How to think about extending OHS to informal workers who work outside of employment relationships and often in informal places of work like road sides, landfill sites and inside their own homes? This seminar explores these questions through presentations from leading thinkers in the field. The presentations are based on two special editions of the journal *New Solutions: A Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health Policy*.



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| AGENDA: | 09:00 | Introductions & Welcome |
| | 09:15 | Occupational Health and Safety in the Informal Economy: Dr. Francie Lund, WIEGO & Professor Rajen Naidoo, UKZN |
| | 09:45 | Occupational Health and Safety in the Extractives Industry Dr. Sophia Kisting, NIOH & Professor Leslie London, UCT |
| | 10:15 | Tea Break |
| | 10:45 | Responses to the presentations |
| | 11:15 | Questions & Discussion |
| | 12:30 | Light Lunch |

Please RSVP by February 10th to laura.alfers@wiego.org

Seminar hosted by the South African National Institute of Occupational Health and
Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)