



Colleagues and friends,

On behalf of the International Organizing Committee of this series of World Conferences on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, I would like to warmly invite your participation in Safety 2018 to be held in Bangkok, Thailand on 5-7 November 2018.

Injuries – whether they result from road traffic crashes, drowning, falls, burns, poisoning or violence – are concerns close to the hearts of people in all countries, but in particular those of the developing world, whose leaders and researchers are actively seeking solutions.

The theme of this 13th World Conference "Advancing injury and violence prevention to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals" underscores that if we are not able to ensure the safety of our homes, streets, schools, workplaces – and our nations as a whole – , we will not attain the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The World Conferences, which are co-sponsored by the World Health Organization, gather some 1500 of the world's leading experts from academia and the scientific community to exchange the latest knowledge and experience in understanding and addressing injuries and violence.

In recent editions, the involvement of policy-makers has helped to ensure their relevance in terms of accelerating action towards the practical application of evidence-based interventions to address these challenges.

As such, we encourage the participation not only of technical experts, but also of relevant policy-makers, practitioners and advocates, in other words those in a position to put in place the measures needed to save lives.

The International Organizing Committee and the national hosts are committed to making Safety 2018 a great success. Please join us in this endeavor.

Kind regards,

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