

## Advancing injury and violence prevention towards SDGs



On August 21, Dr. Adnan Hyder, professor and director of the Johns Hopkins International Injury Research Unit — a WHO Collaborating Center, traveled to the National Institute for Emergency Medicine in Thailand to attend the preparation meeting for the 13th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion (Safety 2018). Dr. Hyder is also director of the Health Systems Program and professor and associate chair in the Department of International Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He has served as a public health professional, injury researcher and safety advocate for over 20 years and is secretary of the International Organizing Committee of the world conferences. The planning meeting discussion focused on the conference program and other inputs for Safety 2018, which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand on Nov. 5-7, 2018

## Dr. Adnan Hyder invites everyone to participate in this conference:

"Injuries kill more than five million people annually worldwide, and are the cause of disability in millions more. The world conference is about injury prevention and safety promotion; in other words, this conference seeks to address the overwhelming burden of injuries and trauma worldwide. Injuries are preventable and predictable, and we have the knowledge to implement cost-effective interventions. Public health advocates and other stakeholders from all over the world get together every two years at the world conference to share information and evidence, discuss strategies, and propose solutions for the public health burden of injuries and violence. We are delighted and honored that Thailand has agreed to host the 2018 conference."

"The conference will host stakeholders in injury prevention and safety promotion from global communities in Latin America, Asia, the Middle East and Africa. Colleagues that come to the conference will share their experiences, knowledge and skills in preventing all types of injuries, such as road traffic and occupational injuries, burns and falls, as well as promoting safety in the work place and from violence. The conference is open to participants from all sectors, including health, law, education, communications, media, academia and non-governmental organizations.

"Through this conference, injury prevention experts from around the world will work very closely with Thai colleagues. As host of the conference, Thailand is supported by the International Organizing Committee, chaired by Dr. Etienne Krug from the World Health Organization. We have a call for abstracts and are requesting scientists, researchers, practitioners and individuals to submit work they have done on injury prevention, with the possibility of being selected for a session or poster presentation. We would like to train the next generation of leaders in the field of injury prevention, and hope that not only people from Thailand, but also from all over the world will come to network and exchange ideas on how to prevent injuries and promote a safer environment for all."



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