

David Onchagwa Biography

David Onchagwa is an Environmental Health and Safety Manager at Texas A&M University at Qatar, with responsibilities for training, radiation and hazardous waste management programs. He has held several designations in health and safety in the last twenty years. He holds a BA in Geoscience from New Jersey City University and a MA in Environmental Management from Montclair State University in New Jersey, USA. Prior to joining TAMUQ, David worked for Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC) in New York City as a laboratory safety specialist from 2004-2008 and prior to that as a field chemist for Clean Harbors Environmental, Safety Kleen and Ensco Companies from 2000 to 2004 in USA. I hold CSP, CHMM, REM, CSHM and CET certifications. I am also a Chartered (IOSH) member. I have an opportunity to serve as a committee member for more than eight years and one term branch secretary for the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) branch of Qatar. I am a designated IOSH trainer for the Texas A&M University at Qatar training Center for Managing Safely, Working Safely and Leading Safely.

I have partnered with the Chemical Security and Safety team that was sponsored by the US Department of State to offer Chemical Security and Safety Training in several Kenyan universities in the last five years. I have partnered with Qatar University to offer safety and health training and served as a member curriculum development team for the College of North Atlantic- Qatar (CNAQ). I did have the opportunity to invite health and safety speakers for the local Qatar IOSH branch monthly meetings. Several years ago, I was privileged to invite the President of American Society of Safety Engineers to speak to the TAMUQ community during her trip to the Middle East.

I am a member of several professional organizations such as Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM) and also serve as a CSHM Scheme Committee, Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), National Registered Environmental Managers and American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP).