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**Webinar Series**

**THE FUTURE OF WORK AND HFE FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

**Date and Time:** 10 May 2023, 12.00 CET (Central European Time)

**Title: HFE perspectives on the future of work from Africa**

**Duration:** 60 mins

**The goal** of this on-line webinar series is to bring you perspectives on the envisaged challenges arising from the Future of Work for HFE from around the World. This is the sixth on-line webinar in this series. In this webinar we will look at the challenges and opportunities for the future of work in Africa which has a prevalence of work in the informal sector.

**Webinar Chair**: Professor **Andrew Thatcher**, University of the Witwatersrand, Chair of the IEA Task Force on the Future of Work

**Presenters:**

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**Mr Andrew Todd**

Andrew is a senior lecturer in the Department of Human Kinetics and Ergonomics at Rhodes university in South Africa. He has a long history of serving the global ergonomics community; he has served as the president of the Ergonomics Society of South Africa, as well as being the founding president of ErgoAfrica (the network of African Ergonomics Societies). He served two terms (2015-2021) as chair of the international development standing committee of the International Ergonomics Association (IEA) and is currently serving as chair of the ad hoc committee for strategic development and implementation for the IEA. In these roles he has run workshops across the globe focused on providing a framework for the development of Human Factors and Ergonomics that is both locally responsive but globally engaged. From a research perspective he has supervised 19 MSc and 2 PhD students and is passionate about research that is focused on building of local capacity to respond to local needs. These research interests include work in the informal sector, healthcare and application of systems ergonomics within community based sports programs.

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**Dr Augustine Appah Acquah**

Dr Augustine A. Acquah is a physical therapist and lecturer in the Department of Physiotherapy, School of Biomedical and Allied Health Sciences, University of Ghana. He received his PhD in Public Health (with a research concentration in Occupational Health and Ergonomics) through a split site PhD program between the University of Ghana School of Public Health and the University of Michigan Center for Ergonomics. His research focuses on understanding the predisposing factors for musculoskeletal discomfort and occupational health hazards among workers in the informal sector and developing interventions to mitigate these risk factors. Dr Acquah presently serves as Co-chair (Africa region) of the newly constituted IEA Technical Committee on Informal Work, and as Chair of the Occupational Health and Ergonomics Interest Group, Ghana Physiotherapy Association.

**Zoom link for registration.** Registration is free to all interested people. The webinar will be recorded and published on YouTube. Registration permits live interaction with the presenters via Q&A.