



EXPANDING ROOTS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

A-OSH Expo 2024, the continent's largest exhibition dedicated to occupational health and safety, aligns perfectly with Dekra Institute of Learning's [IOL's] market offerings.

The former focuses on delivering solutions to mitigate workplace occupational safety and health risks. The latter, explains Christopher Mörsner, Dekra IOL's Head Of Training and Consulting, offers business and occupational training with a strongly client-centric approach, "over and above our QCTO-accredited health and safety training, which promotes a culture of behaviour-based safety".

Dekra's presence at A-OSH Expo 2024 was themed 'expanding our roots for a brighter future'. "It has achieved QCTO accreditation for almost 40 skills qualifications – including First Aid – and is a QCTO-accredited assessment centre," says Mörsner. "Dekra really is at the forefront and in the upper tier – regarding where the industry is, what it is doing, and the changes taking place – because we have embraced those changes. This has included facilitating workshops and providing clarity to other training providers on the transition from legacy qualifications and singular unit standards to QCTO full qualifications and skills programmes."

Mörsner adds that A-OSH isn't just a platform for business, but also a platform for engagement and expansion, where a company can be measured. "It's a platform to catch up with other industry leaders and gain insights into the latest trends and challenges regarding health and safety," he elaborates. In other words, the show acts as a yardstick of sorts. "You know where you stand and what's taking place. It gives you the opportunity to see what other people are doing, as well," Mörsner emphasises.

The company doesn't just accept this as a matter of fact, however. "We throw it back at our experts and ask: Is this true? Is this what's happening? If it is, then we go back to the drawing board and re-strategise," he continues. "Dekra IOL's objective here is to invest in our clients. So, we're staying informed with regards to specific changes taking place, and when we give feedback to our clients, we can give them actual feedback, and measure what is being said."

The company had well-known Springbok rugby player Deon Fourie at its stand. "Deon's sporting journey and achievements really embody passion, perseverance, and the belief in never giving up until one succeeds, which Dekra IOL shares and identifies with very strongly, so we are really pleased and excited that he joined us on the stand this week," Mörsner enthuses.



Dekra IOL also handed out indigenous Coral – or 'Lucky Bean' – trees to visitors, as a symbol of the company's commitment to continued growth, as well as educational and environmental sustainability. "This links very effectively to the concept and theme this year of expanding our roots for a brighter future," Mörsner explains.

"Our dedication to safety, education, and making a tangible difference ensures that we are not just another training provider, but a driving force in adult-based educational skills and development, as well as occupational health and safety."