EU/ACP/WHO Renewed Partnership: Strengthening pharmaceutical systems and improving access to quality medicines in African ACP countries

4th Year Meeting

29 June to 1st July 2016, Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia

Programme of Work

Day 1: Wednesday 29 June 2016

08.30-09.00 Registration

Chair: Dr Ossy Kasilo, WHO/AFRO, HTI/HSS

09.00-10.15 Welcoming and opening remarks

- Dr Akpaka Kalu, WHO Representative in Ethiopia
- Dr Sue Hill, Director WHO EMP
- Mrs Chantal Hebberecht, Head of European Delegation
- Dr John Kakulé, ACP Secretariat
- Mrs Catherine Dauphin, French MAEDI
- His Excellency Dr Kedebe Worku, State Minister of Health, Ethiopia

Objectives of the meeting and adoption of the program
Dr Ossy Kasilo, WHO/AFRO HTI/HSS

Introduction of participants and practical information for participants

Group photo, press conference and interviews

10.15-10.45 Coffee-break

Chair: Representative from Ethiopia
Facilitator: Dr Ossy Kasilo, WHO/AFRO, HTI/HSS

10.45-11.30 Access to medicines and health products within the Universal Health Coverage agenda under the Sustainable Development Goals
Dr Sue Hill, WHO EMP Director

Medicines and Health Products agenda in the WHO African Region
Dr Ossy Kasilo, WHO/AFRO HTI/HSS

11.30-12.30 General presentation on progress made through the EU/ACP/WHO Renewed Partnership at country, regional and global level.
Dr Jean-Baptiste Nikiema, EDM/AFRO; Dr Cécile Macé, EMP/PAU

Discussion
12.30-14.00 Lunch time

Chair: Representative from Senegal  
Facilitator: Dr Jean-Baptiste Nikiema, EDM/AFRO

Pharmaceutical regulatory harmonization in Africa

14.00-15.00 WHA Resolution and global strategy on Regulatory System Strengthening  
Dr Mike Ward, EMP/RHT/RSS (via teleconference or WebEx)  
Priority interventions for strengthening regulatory capacities in the African region  
Dr Jean-Baptiste Nikiema, EDM/AFRO

15.00-16.00 The African Medicines Agency and the regulatory harmonization projects in  
Regional Economic Communities  
A representative from NEPAD (15 min Presentation)  
A representative from WAHO (5 min Oral contribution)  
A representative from SADC (5 min Oral contribution)

16.00-16.30 Coffee-break

16.30-17.30 Main priorities to be considered to strengthen regulatory capacities at country and  
regional level  
General discussion

19.00 Diner in a traditional restaurant

Day 2: Thursday 30 June 2016

Chair: Representative from Ghana  
Facilitator: Dr Gilles Forte, EMP/PAU Coordinator

Improving access to essential medicines in countries and more particularly for Noncommunicable  
Diseases

09.00-09.45 Feedback from the availability and price survey on NCD and mother and children  
medicines  
Dr Sue Hill, EMP Director and Dr Swathi Iyengar, EMP/PAU (20min Presentation  
followed by general discussion on results and new tool)

09.45-10.45 Control of prices of medicines in the supply chain  
WHO Guidelines on Pharmaceutical Pricing Policies, Dr Sue Hill, EMP Director (15 min  
presentation)  
Examples of the work done in Burkina-Faso and Burundi to control prices in the public  
and private sector (5 min each for oral contribution)

10.45-11.15 Coffee-break
11.15-12.30  Strategies to improve availability of medicines and to reduce stock-outs in health facilities
Dr Cécile Macé, EMP/PAU (15 min presentation)
Examples of DRC (new model at zonal level and reforms at national level) and Kenya (on procurement in a devolved health system) (10 min oral contribution for each country)

12.30-14.00  Lunch time

Chair:  Representative from Tanzania
Facilitator:  Dr Sue Hill, EMP Director

Improving selection and rational use of medicines and the fight against antimicrobial resistance

14.00-15.30  Selection process in countries, the uptake of the WHO Model List 2015 and rational use activities
EMP activities to support countries in selection and implementation process, Ms Bernadette Cappello, EMP/PAU (15 min presentation)
Mozambique (NEML review process) and Ethiopia (DTCs) (10 minutes oral contribution for each country)

15.30-16.00  Coffee-break

16.00-17.30  Improving responsible use of antimicrobials to decrease resistance
WHO work on antimicrobial resistance, Mr Arno Muller (15 min presentation)
Progress with the regional AMR action plan, Dr Thomas Lapnet Moustapha (10 min oral contribution)
Experiences in countries to collect data (Zimbabwe and Tanzania) (5 min oral contribution for each country)

Day 3: Friday 1st July 2016

Chair:  A representative from Mali
Facilitator:  Dr Jean-Baptiste Nikiema, EDM/AFRO

Identifying priorities to further strengthen pharmaceutical systems in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals and Universal Health Coverage

09.00-10.30  Current challenges in the leadership and governance of pharmaceutical systems in the African Region
Introduction Dr Jean-Baptiste Nikiema, EDM/AFRO (15 min presentation)
Country experiences: Mali (regular monitoring of policy indicators), Zimbabwe (transparency assessment)

10.30-11.00  Coffee-break
11.00-12.30 Identification of strategic activities to be considered to strengthen pharmaceutical systems in countries in the coming years
   Working group sessions

12.30-14.00 Lunch time

14.00-15.30 Feedback from working group sessions and open discussion on strategic activities to be considered in countries and in any future project
   Country representatives of the working groups

15.30-16.00 Communication, visibility and next steps (important timelines, final reporting, country case studies, mini-report, short film)
   Dr Cécile Macé, EMP/PAU, Mr Grégoire Lacoin, EC DG DEVCO

16.00-16.30 Concluding remarks
   - Mr Grégoire Lacoin, EC DG DEVCO
   - Dr Ossy Kasilo, WHO/AFRO HTI/HSS