

WHO/UNICEF Technical Briefing Seminar on Essential Medicines Policies 16-20 November 2009, World Health Organization Headquarters, Geneva

Day one: **MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2009**

Facilitation: 08:30 - 09:00	Dr Richard Laing, EMP/MIE Registration - M.505, M Building, WHO HQ
09:00 to 09:30	<u>Introduction</u> Welcome - (To be confirmed)
	Objectives of the Seminar Dr Richard Laing, WHO/MIE, on behalf of Dr Hans Hogerzeil, Dir WHO/EMP
09:30 - 10:15	Introduction of participants: Gallery of experts Dr Helene Moller, EMP/MAR and Dr Shanthi Pal, EMP/QSM
10:15 - 10:45	Coffee
10:45 - 11:00	Seminar overview and administration Dr Helene Moller and Mrs Joanna McMahon
11:00 - 12:00	EMP role and responsibilities in implementing the WHO Medicines Strategy Dr Richard Laing, WHO/MIE, on behalf of Dr Hans Hogerzeil, Dir WHO/EMP
12:00 - 12:30	Information resources Mr Claude Da Re, Mrs Kath Hurst, Ms Liz Finney, Mr Thiago Miranda
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
Facilitation:	Dr Gilles Forte, EMP/MPC
14:00 - 14:45	Health, Access to Medicines as a Human Right Dr Richard Laing, WHO/MIE, on behalf of Dr Hans Hogerzeil, Dir WHO/EMP
14:45 - 15:00	<u>Collaboration with country partnerships</u> WHO Strategy for working with and in countries Dr Gilles Forte, EMP/MPC
15:00 - 15:45	Discussion on regional and country activities
15:45 - 16:00	Tea
	<u>Global Issues</u>
16:00 - 17:00	Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property Mrs Precious Matsoso, DGO/PHI
17:30 - 19:00	Reception with EMP staff members (M Building Restaurant)

Day two: TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2009

Facilitation: Dr Shanthi Pal, EMP/QSM (to be confirmed)

What is quality?

09:00 - 10:30 **Medicines - Quality Control and Assurance**
WHO normative functions in the field of pharmaceuticals
Ms Jitka Sabartova, EMP/QSM

10:30 - 10:45 **Coffee**

11:00 - 12:30 **Drug Regulatory Overview**
Assessment of country regulatory agencies

Mr Rutendo Kuwana, EMP/QSM

12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch**

Facilitation: Dr Shanthi Pal, EMP/QSM

Safety

14:00 - 15:15 **Pharmacovigilance: New challenges for WHO**
Dr Mary Couper and Dr Shanthi Pal, EMP/QSM

15:15 - 15:30 **Tea**

15:30 - 16:30 **Quality Control Assurance for Blood Products and Related Biologicals**
Dr Ana Padilla, EMP/QSM

16:30 - 17:30 **Global Review and WHO's Priority Activities in the Field of Traditional Medicine"**
Dr Qi Zhang, EMP/TRM

Day three: WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2009

Facilitation: Dr Helene Moller, EMP/MAR

National Medicines Policies

09:00 - 09:30 **National Medicines Policies and Monitoring Implementation**
Dr Richard Laing, EMP/MIE

09h30 - 10h30 **Monitoring the implementation of National Medicines Policies**
Dr Gilles Forte, EMP/MPG

10:30 - 10:45 **Coffee**

Medicine Price and Financing

10:45 - 11:30 **Financing essential medicines in low-and middle income countries: future directions and opportunities** Mr Dele Olawale Abegunde, EMP/MAR

11:30 - 12:15 **Medicine prices and availability, evidence for policy**
Ms Alexandra Cameron, EMP/MAR

12:15 - 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 - 14:30 **Global Fund** Ms Thuy Hung Ha (?)
14:30 - 15:00 Ms Mariatou Tala Jallow (?) VPP Capacity Building

15:00 - 15:45 **UNITAID** Dr Jorge Bermudez

15:45 - 16:00 **Tea**

Selection of Essential Medicines

16:00 - 17:00 **Update on 2006 WHO Model List of Essential Medicines Selection and Paediatric Medicines**
Dr Suzanne Hill, EMP/MAR

Discussion and conclusion

Evening: *Dinner out in Geneva (optional and self-funded)*****

Day four: THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2009

Facilitation: Dr Richard Laing, EMP/MIE

Medicine Supply Systems Strengthening

09:00 - 10:00 **Panel presentation and discussion Access framework, Medicines supply**

WHO/EMP Dr Helene Moller
GDF/TB Mr Robert Matiru (This will change)
UNICEF Mr Henrik Nielsen
HTM/HIV Mr Boniface Dongmo Nguimfack
GMP/SCM Dr Andrea Bosman

10:00 - 10:15 **Coffee**

10:15 - 11:30 **Discussion**

11:30 - 12:30 **Access to Controlled Medicines**
Dr Willem Scholten

12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch**

Lunch time seminar: "Essential medicines training - new initiatives in the South Pacific for health care worker training".
Mr Andrew Brown, **University of Canberra**

14:00 - 15:30 **Pharmacy workforce situation analysis: Ghana and Nigeria**
Mrs Helen Tata EMP/MPC
Mr Daniel Amaning Ghana
Mrs Bridget Okala Nigeria

15:30 - 15:45 **Tea**

15:45 - 17:30 **Hot topics** to be selected from:

Challenges in Medicines Supply Systems: Country case studies
Mrs Helen Tata.

Corruption and Good Governance for Medicines

Dr Guitelle Baghdadi-Sabeti

Medicines Transparency Alliance (MeTA)

Dr Gilles Forte, EMP/MPC

Other topics

Day five: FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2009

Facilitation: Mr Clive Ondari

Prequalification

09:00 - 10:15 **Prequalification of Essential Medicines**
Mr Tony Gould, Dr André Van Zyl, EMP/QSM

10:15 - 10:30 **Coffee**

10:30 - 12:30 **Promoting rational use of medicines**
Dr Kathleen Holloway, EMP/MAR

12:30 **Closure**
Dr Clive Ondari, Coordinator EMP/MAR

14.00 **Additional time for sessions or individual appointments with EMP staff**