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Strengthening capacity for National Medicines Regulatory Authorities (NMRAs) in the African Region

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Presentation Outline…

- Background and context
- AMRH Approach to Capacity Building
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Background and context

Situational analysis:

- Most NMRAs are not fully functional
- Legal frameworks are not up to date
- Limited expertise in terms of No.s and skills
- NMRAs are Poorly funded and resourced
- Coordination and cooperation among MSs NMRAs is poor or non-existent
AMRH Approach to capacity building

Promote sustainable capacity building (CB) strategies in the African Region:

- Aware of Capacity Building activities in the region
- Concerned that most Capacity Building are more of raising awareness and sharing information
- Noted that adhoc CB activities have not resulted in improved capacities of NMRAs
- Realising that most NMRAs require sustainable capacity building programmes
- Establishment of TWG on regulatory capacity development as a coordinating mechanism for regulatory capacity building
AMRH approach…

What capacities are targeted?

- Awareness: conferences, workshops, networking, etc.
- Analytical skills
- Decision-making
- Institutional
AMRH Approach...

- Human and institutional capacities
- Identify needs and build on existing capacities;
  - National and Regional institutional capacities
  - Locally existing expertise and those in the diaspora who may be involved in the design and implementation
  - Review other programmes of capacity being undertaken and lessons learnt
- Mapping of existing capacities and Identification of centres of excellence
- Provision of Technical and financial support to sustain, expand and improve CB programmes
- Possible commercialisation
AMRH Approaches

Training may be:

- Formal Education through integration of certain programmes in regular curricula
- Projects
- Networking
- Long-term and short-term

Objective: Build a critical mass of people that can sustain the capacity building programmes
Expected results…

- A comprehensive report on short-term and long term regulatory training programmes in Africa
- A database of regulatory training institutions and partners/stakeholders involved in regulatory training programmes in Africa
- A database of regulatory science expertise in Africa and Diaspora
- Carefully designed CB programmes at national, regional and African level
- Sustainable critical mass of people that share the same values, pursue same objectives and equipped with necessary knowledge and skills to enhance regional harmonisation
- Regional Centers of Regulatory Excellence (RCOREs) established
Discussions, Q & A....

Thank you for your attention...