
24-25 June 2015
Serena Hotel, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
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Conference Theme

The 4th edition of the Global Animal Health Conference is organised by the federation HealthforAnimals (formerly known as IFAH) with the support of the Organising Committee partners and funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The conference is scheduled to take place from 24-25 June 2015 in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

Leading figures from government, academia, industry, and international organisations will share challenges and solutions for improving regulatory convergence for veterinary product registration over the course of 1.5 days. The focus will be on developing countries and on how to enable the widest availability of high quality, safe and efficacious products in these markets, with an emphasis on Africa, and East Africa in particular.

Conference Objectives

Attendees will discuss and make proposals on how to:

- Promote market control – including product quality, product testing, surveillance of products on the market
- Improve market access – including how to remove obstacles to access and promote a defined registration process with timelines and remove disincentives
- Promoting mutual recognition and the formation of regional organisations including discussions on the advantages of convergence of international standards
- Implement African regional harmonisation initiatives and discuss local opportunities and challenges towards the implementation of harmonised regulatory systems in compliance with international standards and guidelines

Conference Extra – VICH Workshop

24 June 2015, 09:00-12:00

Before the start of the conference an optional 3 hour workshop session will be offered, covering VICH.

VICH is an international programme aimed at harmonising technical requirements for veterinary medicinal product registration. To date it has produced 52 harmonised technical guidelines.

- See the outline workshop programme on the last page of this conference programme

The workshop will be run by members of the VICH Steering Committee and is funded by the USDA.

Only a few seats are available. Please fill in the application form on the DIA website and return it to Sarah-Nathalie.Hoff@DIAglobal.org
DAY 1, WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2015

12:00 LUNCH & REGISTRATION FOR CONFERENCE

14:00 OPENING OF CONFERENCE
Welcome and Introduction
George Heidgerken, AnimalforHealth President, Belgium
Hiiti B. Sillo, Director General, TFDA, Tanzania

Official Opening of the Conference
Dr. Titus Mlengaya Kamani MP, Ministry of Livestock Development & Fisheries, Tanzania

14:30 SESSION 1
REGULATORY CONVERGENCE
Session Chair:
David Mackay, Head of Veterinary Medicines Division, EMA, EU

Setting the Scene
Bettye Walters, Associate Director of International Programs, FDA, USA

Global Harmonisation and Regional Approaches
Elisabeth Erlacher-Vindel, Deputy Head of Scientific and Technical Department, OIE, France

OIE/GALVmed Focal Training, South Africa 2010: Feedback, recommendations and conclusions
Peter Jones, Consultant to GALVmed, UK

Setting the Scene: A case study – the East African Community Regulatory Harmonisation Project
Adam Mitangu Fimbo, Director of Medicines and Complimentary Products, TFDA, Tanzania

Panel Discussion with Q&A

16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 SESSION 2
MARKET CONTROL
Session Chair:
Steve Vaughn, Director of New Animal Drug Evaluation, FDA, USA

Harmonisation of Legislation for Veterinary Medicines
Soumana Diallo, Permanent Secretary of the Regional Committee for Veterinary Medicine, UEMOA, Burkina Faso

Collaborating and Sharing Resources
Akma Ngah Hamid, Director, Regional Veterinary Laboratory, Malaysia

A Case Study: PANVAC
Nick Nwankpa, Senior Veterinary Vaccine Officer, Pan African Veterinary Vaccine, Ethiopia

Panel Discussion with Q&A

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18:00 BREAK

19:00 WALKING DINNER & NETWORKING
Mark Rweyemamu, Executive Director, Southern African Centre for Infectious Diseases Surveillance, South Africa

22:00 END OF DAY ONE

DAY 2, THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2015

09:00 SESSION 3
MARKET ACCESS & MUTUAL RECOGNITION
Session Chair:
William Olaho Mukani, Regional Project Coordinator, AU-IBAR, Kenya

Factors Affecting Market Access: Industry's viewpoint
Pierluigi Crippa, Regional Manager Eastern Europe, Middle East & Africa, Merial, France

Mutual Recognition – A case study: Mutual recognition of veterinary vaccines in East Africa
Gilly Cowan, Regulatory Affairs Consultant, GALVmed, UK

Panel Discussion with Q&A

10:10 COFFEE BREAK

10:30 SESSION 4
REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS
Session Chair:
Elisabeth Erlacher-Vindel, Deputy Head of Scientific and Technical Department, OIE, France

EU Model
David Mackay, Head of Veterinary Medicines Division, EMA, EU

South African Model
Alice Sigobodhla, Acting Director: Medicines Evaluation & Research, Health Department South Africa, South Africa

Asian Model
Maria Abenes, Chief Veterinary Biologics Standardization Section, Laboratory Services Division, Philippines

South American Model
Carlos Francia, Technical Director, Merial, Argentina

US-Canada Model
Steve Vaughn, Director of New Animal Drug Evaluation, FDA, USA

Panel Discussion with Q&A
12:30 GROUP PHOTO

12:45 LUNCH

14:00 SESSION 5

BREAK-OUT GROUPS
Break-out into groups to discuss:
• Comparison of different regional organisations
• What works, what does not work
• What is needed

15:00 SESSION 6

REPORTING, WRAP UP AND CLOSING
Session Chair and Panel Chair:
Hiiti B. Sillo, Director General, TFDA, Tanzania

Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for the Registration of Veterinary Medicines – VICH: A case study
Allen Bryce, past-Executive Director Veterinary Medicines, APVMA, Australia

Panel Discussion with one Representative from Each Group

Summary from Break-Out Sessions and Conference
Steve Vaughn, Director of New Animal Drug Evaluation, FDA, USA

Action Points and Closing of Conference
Carel du Marchie Sarvaas, Executive Director, AnimalforHealth, Belgium

17:00 END OF CONFERENCE

Conference Extra – VICH Workshop

DAY 1, WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2015

08:00 WELCOME COFFEE & REGISTRATION FOR WORKSHOP

09:00 VICH WORKSHOP
• The role and structures of VICH
• The role of VICH guidelines in product registration
• What guidelines are available and how to use them
• The VICH Outreach Forum
• How to get involved in VICH
• Questions and answers session
• Basic guidelines in pharmacovigilance

12:00 END OF WORKSHOP

Registration Process
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ProductID=3882736&EventType=Meeting and send it to Sarah-Nathalie.Hoff@DIAGlobal.org. You will be informed as soon as possible whether a place can be allocated to you.

Hotel Information
A limited number of rooms have been blocked at the following hotel:

Dar Es Salaam Serena Hotel
P. O. Box 791
Ohio Street
Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
Tel.: (+255) 22 211 2416
Fax: (+255) 22 211 3981
Web: www.serenaHotels.com

Accommodation rates are incl. breakfast and VAT
Standard Single Room: $245.00
Superior Single Room: $265.00
Executive Single Room: $275.00

Visa requirements
For general information:
http://immigration.go.tz/module1.php?id=14

List of countries that require a visa:
http://immigration.go.tz/module1.php?id=24

Most passport holders can get their visa on arrival. Some countries that are listed as referral visas (see link above), need to get their visa in advance through an embassy or consulate office. With the exception of the United States of America ($100.00), countries that require visas pay $50.00 for normal visitor visas.

Vaccinations
Please contact your General Practitioner for recommended vaccinations at least 6-8 weeks before travelling to Tanzania.

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