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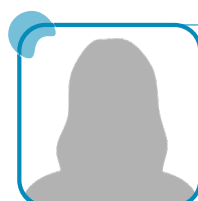
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Dr. Mona Al Moussli
Chairman of AfriSummit



Dr. Janki Chauhan
Chairperson,
Medical Technology Industry
Association of Kenya
(MEDAK)



Dr. Ali Arale
Ag Director Health Products
and Technologies Pharmacy
and Poisons Board (PPB),
Kenya

09:00 - 09:20

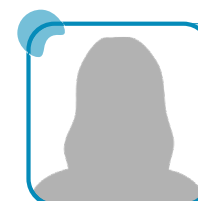
SESSION 1: Driving Regulatory Convergence in Africa: AMDF's Vision for Medical Devices

Moderator By:



Mr. Marc Chaillou
Head of Sales Europe
& Global Strategic Projects,
Schlafender Hase

Presented by:



Dr. Paulyne Wairimu
Chair of AMDF and Chair,
African Medical Devices Forum and Head
for Medical Devices and In-Vitro Diagnostics,
Health Products and Technologies, Pharmacy
and Poisons Board (PPB), Kenya

09:20 - 09:35

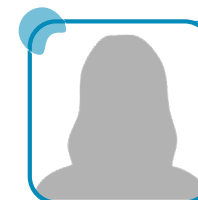
SESSION 2: The Critical Role of IVDs in Strengthening Diagnostics,
Disease Surveillance & Health Security Across Africa

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& Global Strategic Projects,
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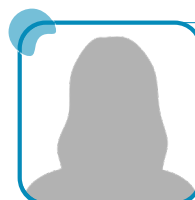
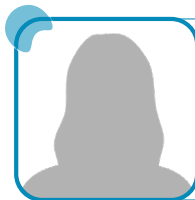
**Dr. Lucy Mazyanga
Mazaba Liwewe**
Regional Director,
Africa CDC Eastern Africa RCC



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09:35 - 10:35**SESSION 3: East Africa Regulatory Landscape: Medical Devices, IVDs & Software as Medical Devices (SaMD)**

Moderator by:

**Dr. Mary Kinyanjui**Senior Specialist, Commercial
Regulatory Affairs,
Cepheid Diagnostics**Presentation: Key National Updates from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Ethiopia, and the EAC****Panel Discussion: Advancing Medical Device Regulation for the EAC: Strengthening Systems for Safety, and Access****Dr. Solomon Koech**Senior Regulatory Officer, Department
of Product Evaluation and Registration,
Medical Devices and In-vitro Diagnostics Unit,
Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB),
Kenya**Ms. Neema Nagu**Senior Drug Registration Officer,
Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices
Authority (TMDA),
Tanzania**Dr. Rachel Juliet Mujawimana**Inspector of Drugs, National Drug
Authority (NDA),
Uganda**Dr. Vedaste Habyarimana**Head of Drugs Department,
Food and Drug Authority (FDA),
Rwanda**Mr. Nathan Seyoum**External Medicine Dossier Assessor,
Ethiopian Food and Drug Authority
(EFDA), Ethiopia**Mr. Alex Gisagara**Regulatory Harmonization Expert
at the East African Community (EAC)
Secretariat**10:35 - 11:00****COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING**



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11:00 - 12:00**SESSION 4: Combating Counterfeit and Substandard Medical Devices in Africa: Regulatory and Digital Solutions**

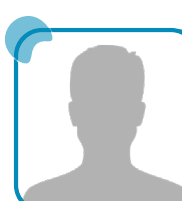
Moderator by:

**Dr. John Paul Omollo**Policy and Government
Affairs Partner,
Africa, Roche**Leveraging WHO Guidelines and Regional Networks to Safeguard Medical Device Integrity**

Presented by:

**Dr. Edwin Kojo Ogara**Technical Officer for Essential
Drugs and Medicines,
World Health Organization**Fighting Counterfeit Medical Devices in Africa: The Role of Track and Trace Systems**

Presented by:

**Mr. Wilfrid Sewade**Marketing Specialist,
VISIOTT TPS**Panel Discussion: Strategies for Securing Device Integrity****Mr. Roland Sefakor**Head, Medical Devices Registration
Department, Food and Drugs
Authority (FDA),
Ghana**Mr. Lindsay Kipkemai**Deputy Director Enforcement,
Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA))



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12:00 - 13:00**SESSION 5: Regulatory Reliance and Convergence in Practice: Leveraging Global Decisions for Faster Access in Africa**

Moderated by:

**Mr. Steve Kipkoti**Senior Regulatory
Affairs Specialist,
Medtronic

Advancing IVD Regulatory Excellence in Africa: Reliance, Harmonisation & Capacity Building

Presented by:

**Ms. Nataliya Deych**Chair, MedTech Europe Middle East
and Africa Working Group, Vice President,
Regulatory Affairs EMEACLA,
Edwards Lifesciences

FDA's Approach to International Partnerships for African Regulators

Presented by:

**Mr. Ravi Bharwani**Deputy Director, Office of Global Policy
and Strategy, United States Food
and Drug Administration

Panel Discussion: The Future of Continental Regulatory Alingment

**Dr. Edwin Kojo Ogara**Essential Drugs and Medicines Officer
& Technical Focal Point – Health
Products and Technologies,
World Health Organiza**Ms. Nataliya Deych**Chair, MedTech Europe Middle East
and Africa Working Group, Vice President,
Regulatory Affairs EMEACLA,
Edwards Lifesciences**Dr. Tanya Vogt**Executive Officer, South African
Medical Technology Industry
Association (SAMED)**Dr. Marie Bouchra**Regional Manager Regulatory
Affairs and Policy MEA,
Johnson & Johnson**13:00 - 14:00****LUNCH, GROUP PHOTO AND NETWORKING**



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14:00 - 15:00**SESSION 6: Regulatory Oversight for AI-Driven Medical Devices**

Moderated by:

**Dr. Vinod Guptan**Board Director and Board Lead
of the Supply Chain Committee,
Kenya Healthcare Federation

AI-Powered Regulatory Affairs: Transforming Registration and Accelerating Approvals

Presented by:

**Mr. Sebastian Neuwirth**Head of Government Solutions,
Antares Vision Group

From SaMD to AI: Building the Digital Regulatory Backbone for Lifecycle Oversight in Africa

Presented by:

**Mr. Chacha Sammy Nyanswi**Project Manager and IRIMS
Implementation Team Lead,
SoftClans Technologies Limited

Panel Discussion: Co-Creating SaMD Regulation and Africa's Pathway Forward

**Dr. Paulyne Wairimu**Head for Medical Devices and In-Vitro
Diagnostics, Health Products
and Technologies, Pharmacy
and Poisons Board (PPB),
Kenya**Mr. Sebastian Neuwirth**Head of Government Solutions,
Antares Vision Group**Ms. Sarah Cohen**Strategic Executive Officer,
Southern African Laboratory Diagnostics
Association (SALDA)**Mr. Monir El Azzouzi**CEO & Founder,
Easy Medical Device



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15:00 - 16:00

SESSION 7: Navigating the New Era of MedTech in North Africa

Moderated by:

**Dr. Karim Wahba**Head of Regulatory Affairs and Trade
Compliance for Middle East & Africa,
Merck Life Science

Tunisia Regulatory Updates

**Dr. Racha Jomaa**Regulatory Affairs Pharmacist & Medical
Device Specialist, National Agency for
Medicines and Health Products (ANMPS),
Tunisia

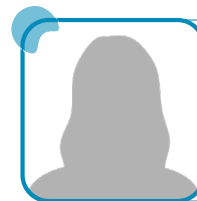
Morocco Regulatory Updates

Presented by:

**Dr. Fadoua Oudrhiri**Head of Evaluation and Authorization
Division for Health Products
Agency for Medicines and Health
Products (AMMPS)

Egypt Regulatory Updates

Presented by:

**Dr. Nourhan Mohsen Mohammed
AbdelKader ElNaggar**Scientific Evaluation Unit
Manager-General Administration
of Medical Devices Marketing
authorization Egyptian Drug Authority
(EDA), Egypt

16:00 - 16:30

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SESSION 8:

Panel Discussion: Risk Classification and Regional Harmonization

Moderated by:

**John Juma**Regulatory Affairs Specialist,
East Africa,
Becton Dickinson**Dr. Solomon Koech**Senior Regulatory Officer, Department
of Product Evaluation and Registration,
Medical Devices and In-vitro Diagnostics Unit,
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(EDA), Egypt**Mr. Robert Mayama**Managing Director,
Autosterile (EA)**Dr. Avanthi Govender Bester**Chairperson, The South African Medical
Technology Industry Association (SAMED)

17:00 - 18:00

CLOSING REMARKS & ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS



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SESSION 1: The Future of Medical Device & IVD Regulation in Southern Africa: Implementation, Reliance & Regional Harmonisation

Moderated by:

**Dr. Avanathi Govender Bester**Chairperson, The South African
Medical Technology Industry
Association (SAMEDI)

Zimbabwe Regulatory Updates

Presented by:

**Dr. Zivanai Antony Makoni**Head of the Evaluations and Registrat
ion Division, Medicines Control Authority
of Zimbabwe (MCAZ)

SAHPRA - Medical Device Including IVDs South Africa

Presented by:

**Ms. Lydia Motlogelwa**Medical Device and Clinical
Trials Manager, South African
Health Products Regulatory
Authority (SAHPRA),
South Africa

Zambia Regulatory Updates

Presented by:

**Mr Lyoko Nyambe**Director Marketing Authorisation,
Zambia Medicines Regulatory
Authority (ZAMRA),
Zambia



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09:30 - 10:45

SESSION 2: Strengthening Materiovigilance From Approval to Oversight

Moderated by:

**Mr. Monir El Azzouzi**CEO & Founder,
Easy Medical Device

Materiovigilance: From Approval to Oversight

Presented by:

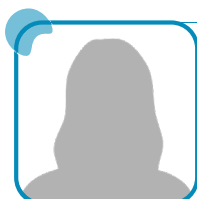
**Dr. Mai Faied**Regulator & Vigilance Specialist,
Egypt & Libya,
Medtronic

Rwanda's Strategy for Device Vigilance Integration

Presented by:

**Dr. Vedaste Habyarimana**Head of Drugs Department,
Food and Drug Authority (FDA),
Rwanda

Panel Discussion: Making Post-Market Surveillance Work: Aligning Regulators, Industry, and Systems in Africa

**Dr. Khadijah O. Ade-Abolade**Director, Vaccines, Biologics & Medical
Devices Registration and Regulatory Affairs,
National Agency for Food and Drug
Administration and Control (NAFDAC),
Nigeria**Dr. Vedaste Habyarimana**Head of Drugs Department,
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Edwards Lifesciences

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SESSION 3: Medical Device Nomenclature and Traceability: Building Safer Device Ecosystems in Africa

Moderated by:



Dr. Catherine Maina
Regulatory Affairs Expert

UDI Adoption and Traceability Frameworks

Presented by:



Mr. Joseph Oloo
Software and Data Management
Team Lead,
GS1 Kenya

Panel Discussion: From Egypt's Blueprint to Kenya's Scale to Africa's Device Traceability Future



**Dr. Nourhan Mohsen Mohammed
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Scientific Evaluation Unit Manager-General
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Kenya



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Dr. Mirette Abskharoun
Regulatory Affairs Associate Director
Middle East Africa Region,
Johnson & Johnson



Mr. Prem Kumar
Sr. Director,
LSpedia



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SESSION 4: West Africa Regulatory Updates

Moderated by:

**Dr. Eric Konan**Head of the Regulatory Affairs,
Subsaharan Africa,
ETHICA

Ivory Coast Regulatory Updates

Presented:

**Dr. Gnamon Achy Christian Martial**Registration Department
for Innovative Products,
Vaccines and Medical Devices,
Ivorian Pharmaceutical Regulatory
Authority (AIRP), Ivory Coast

Senegal Regulatory Updates

Presented:

**Dr. Arame Mbengue**Pharmacist Inspector, Head, Department
for the Approval of Drugs and Other Health
Products at the Directorate for the Approval
and Serialization of Drugs and Other Health
Products (DIHS), Senegalese Pharmaceutical
Regulatory Agency (ARP)

Medical Device Regulatory Updates - Nigeria

Presented by:

**Dr. Khadijah O. Ade-Abolade**Director, Vaccines, Biologics & Medical
Devices Registration and Regulatory
Affairs, National Agency for Food and Drug
Administration and Control (NAFDAC),
Nigeria



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Update on the Ghana Medical Device Regulatory Space

Presented by:



Mr. Roland Sefakor

Head, Medical Devices
Registration Department,
Food and Drugs Authority (FDA),
Ghana

Questions and Answers - Democratic Republic of the Congo



Adv. Olivia Esiso Ngomosi

Chief Executive Officer
& Managing Director,
LIVY SARLU

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SESSION 5:

Panel Discussion: Industry on Medical Devices in Africa & Aligning Priorities for Growth and Access

Moderated by:



Ms. Simone Rudolph-Shortt

Chairperson, Medical Device
Manufacturers of South Africa
(MDMSA)



Dr. Racha Jomaa

Regulatory Affairs Pharmacist
& Medical Device Specialist,
National Agency for Medicines
and Health Products (ANMPS),
Tunisia



Rana Chalhoub

Regulatory Affairs Director,
MECOMED



Dr. Lucas Nyabero

Director & Superintendent
Pharmacist,
Xenopia group Limited



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15:00 - 15:30

SESSION 6:

Panel Discussion: Enabling Decentralised Diagnostics: Regulatory Approaches for POCT Expansion

Moderated by:

**Dr. Mona Al Moussli**MSc,
Chairman of the AfriSummit**Dr. Paulyne Wairimu**Head for Medical Devices
and In-Vitro Diagnostics,
Health Products and Technologies,
Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB),
Kenya**Ms. Sarah Cohen**Strategic Executive Officer,
Southern African Laboratory
Diagnostics Association
(SALDA)**Ms. Kim Stephenson**Clinical and Regulatory Affairs
Associate, AI Diagnostics

15:30 - 15:45

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SESSION 7: Clinical Evidence for MD: Balancing Innovation and Regulatory Requirements

Moderated by:

**Dr. Michael Onyango**Regulatory Affairs Manager,
Axmed**Right-Sized Clinical Evidence: Practical Strategies for Medical Device Approval and Innovation in Africa**

Presented by:

**Mr. Hilton Tommy Stevens**Head of Regulatory Affairs
and Quality Assurance,
Viya Health



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SESSION 8: Ensuring Quality in Medical Devices and IVDs

Moderated by:

**Ms. Catherine Kokeno**Supervisor, Regulatory Affairs
and Local Compliance Officer,
Beta Healthcare

Role of Rapid Micro Methods in Medical Devices

Presented by:

**Mr. Priyank Modi**Senior Manager, Quality Control,
Sahjanand Medical Technology**Dr. Prafulla K. Chitnis**Senior Director of Business
Development for the Middle East,
India and Bangladesh,
Charles River Laboratories Microbial

Building Quality Ecosystems That Enable Access and Innovation

Presented by:

**Ms. Simone Rudolph-Shortt**Chairperson, Medical Device
Manufacturers of South Africa
(MDMSA)

16:40 - 17:30

SESSION 9: Audit and Inspection Readiness

Presented by:

**Dr. Matlapeng Shabalala**Regulatory Affairs and Quality
Assurance Manager,
Viya Health



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Inspection Readiness in Rwanda and the Evolving Regulatory Expectations for Manufacturers

Presented by:



Dr. Vedaste Habyarimana

Head of Drugs Department,
Food and Drug Authority (FDA),
Rwanda

Building Audit Readiness in African Medical Device and IVD Manufacturing

Presented by:



Mr. Monir El Azzouzi

CEO & Founder,
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Questions and Answers

Closing Remarks



Ms. Mary Muthoni

Principal Secretary, State Department
for Public Health and Professional
Standards, Ministry of Health (MOH),
Kenya

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ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS