The 4ᵗʰ Biennial Scientific Conference on Medical Products Regulation in Africa

(SCoMRA 2019)

Theme: A Decade of Regulatory Harmonization in Africa:
Where are we? Where do we go from here?
30 September – 01 October 2019
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Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Guidance for Poster Presentations

Overall Goal of the 4ᵗʰ Biennial Scientific Conference on Medicines Regulation in Africa (SCoMRA 2019)

The overall goal of the fourth Biennial Scientific Conference on Medicines Regulation in Africa is to stimulate discussion on progress made over the last decade of regulatory harmonization and alignment of regulatory networks, identify regulatory challenges facing Africa and lessons learnt, and propose to the AMRC the path forward for the next decade with a special focus on the new African Medicines Agency (AMA).

Objectives

The following are the objectives of SCoMRA IV:

a) To review progress, identify challenges and lessons learnt in the implementation of AMRH, and the alignment of various regulatory networks and forums within AMRH.

b) To serve as a platform for African Regulators to share results on regulatory practice operational research with a view to provide evidence-based policy and decision making.

c) To review methods and new approaches for measuring regulatory outcomes and progress of harmonization, and regulation through reliance.

d) To facilitate discussions on the role of national medicines regulatory agencies, regional economic communities, the AMRH partnership platform, and other stakeholders in advancing regional and continental harmonization agenda.

e) To discuss AMA's value proposition and operating model.

General Note

This guidance is targeted at the following category of conference participants:

- Those whose abstracts have been accepted for oral presentation and would like to supplement their subject matter with poster presentation
- Those whose abstracts have been accepted for poster presentation only

General aim and format

- Make the poster graphically based as much as possible aimed at generating active discussion.
- Limit the text to about one-fourth of the poster space, and use visuals (graphs, photographs, schematics, maps, etc.) to present your subject matter.

Design and layout specifications

- Above the poster, create a banner displaying your poster title, name, and institution.
- The entire poster should be printed on an about A1-A2 Paper size. The poster does not necessarily have to fill the entire working area.
- Make it obvious to the viewer how to progressively view the poster i.e. the poster reading from left to right, and top to bottom
- Numbering the individuals panels, or connecting them with arrows is a standard practice and will provide a good guidance system.

Lettering

- Text should be readable from five feet away. Use a minimum font size of 18 points.
- Lettering for the title should be large (at least 70-point font).

Visuals

- Present numerical data in the form of graphs, rather than tables (graphs make trends in the data much more evident). If data must be presented in table-form, keep it simple.
- Visuals should be simple and bold. Leave out or remove any unnecessary details.
- All visuals should be a stand-alone (i. e., graph axes are properly labelled, maps have north arrows and distance scales, symbols are explained, etc.).
- Use colour to enhance comprehension.
- Make sure that the text and the visuals are integrated. Figures should be numbered consecutively according to the order in which they are first mentioned in the text.

Text

- Keep the text brief.
- Simplicity is key. Keep to the point, and don't try to cover too many things.

Acknowledgement

- Ensure that there is text for acknowledgment of the organizers of the 4th Biennial Scientific Conference on Medical Products Regulation in Africa
- (SCoMRA 2019): namely AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, WHO and host country (Zimbabwe).

Responsibility for printing, display and demonstration during the conference

- The presenter will be entirely responsible for printing, transporting, display and demonstration in the poster space provided in the conference venue
- The organizers of the conference will provide ample space for all poster presenters