AFRICA MEDICAL DEVICES FORUM (AMDF) – TECHNICAL COMMITTEE UNDER THE AFRICAN MEDICINES REGULATORY HARMONIZATION (AMRH) INITIATIVE

LIST OF EXPERTS FOR THE AMDF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND SUB WORKING GROUPS
ENDORSED BY THE AMRH STEERING COMMINTEE
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Background information

The African Medical Devices Forum (AMDF) is a technical committee under the African Medicines Regulatory Harmonization (AMRH) programme hosted by jointly by a secretariat of AUDA-NEPAD and WHO. The aim of the technical committee is the improvement of access to safe, quality, and performance medical devices including in vitro diagnostics in Africa though development of harmonized regulatory requirements based on internationally accepted requirements and standards. AMDF main area of work is to study and recommend ways to ensure medical devices and diagnostics are safe and effective while minimizing delays and allowing faster access to varieties of medical devices and diagnostics. This is in alignment with other various harmonization groups and networks that have been working on other categories of products and/or in different aspects of regulatory functions with a view to ensure that all the African Union (AU) Member States benefit from technical and scientific guidance provided through these efforts. The overall mandate of the AMDF is to identify technical needs, develop technical documentation in line with international guidelines and best practice and recommend to the AMRH Steering Committee for adoption. In executing its roles and responsibilities, the group among other things is expected to provide technical advice to the AMRH Steering Committee on matters related to regulation of Medical Devices (MDs) and In-vitro Diagnostics (IVDs). It is also expected that the AMDF will serve a technical role for the African Medicines Agency (AMA) once the latter is established and operational.

During its 6th meeting held virtually on 17 March 2020 the AMRH Steering Committee endorsed report of the AMDF and the proposal for appointment of experts to participate as interim TC and sub Working Group members to allow implementation of activities planned for 2020. It was also noted during the meeting that there is slow and inadequate feedback from RECs on nomination of members to the AMDF and that their limited involvement of laboratories in the work of the Forum. To mitigate these challenges the joint secretariat of AUDA-NEPAD and WHO was mandated to provide the names of competent experts to fill the positions of members of the AMDF TC where RECs have not nominated the required experts. The joint secretariat was also mandated to identify experts for the three sub-groups and provide these names for the AMRH steering committee to endorse.

Following these recommendations, the joint secretariat has identified competent experts from NRAs and laboratories as well as expert observers to serve in the technical committee and the sub-groups namely:

- Pre-market
- Placing on the market
- Post Market

The attached list provides names from various RECs (nominated by RECs or those identified by the joint secretariat). As RECs identify and provide names of experts the joint secretariat will take them on board.

The AMDF technical committee has become a very useful platform providing technical advice and guidance to AU Member States and NRAs on regulatory issues related to Covid -19. This has been accomplished through developing

- List of COVID-19 in vitro diagnostics which will be updated from time to time.
- List of medical devices and other products for surveillance, prevention control and case management
- Mechanism to receive feedback on substandard and falsified IVDs, medical devices and PPEs and inform NRAs
- Guidance on management of IVDs and medical device`s donations.

The proposed experts nominated by RECs and proposed by the joint secretariat for AMRH Initiative will continue this work as well as complete the workplan developed in 2019 for the period 2020.

The attached list has been endorsement by the AMRH Steering Committee.

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