



ISO P Africa Chapter Virtual Meeting

Thursday 03 September 2020

12:00 – 14:00 UTC-GMT e.g. Ghana, Cabo Verde

13:00 – 15:00 UTC+1 West African Time e.g. Nigeria

14:00 – 16:00 UTC+2 Central African Time e.g. South Africa

15:00 – 17:00 UTC+3 East African Time e.g. Kenya, Uganda

Operated by the ISO P Zoom platform.

Meeting topic: Pharmacovigilance in Africa:
preparing for effective surveillance of COVID-19 remedies

Purpose of organising now a meeting on this topic

Health systems and economies across the African continent are actively fighting to contain the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic whilst the scientific community is investigating the effect of several remedies including *remdesivir* which received approval for emergency use authorization in several countries. In parallel, multiple candidate vaccines are undergoing clinical trials. Hence the landscape for treatment or prevention of this coronavirus looks more promising now than in the past three months.

This promise of treatments and vaccines means that countries need to get prepared to effectively monitor the safety of those products once approved for use. During this virtual meeting, six *Panelists* will be sharing experience of pharmacovigilance in the COVID-19 era, especially the role of safety practitioners in different sectors within and across the globe in supporting and repurposing existing PV systems to undertake safety surveillance effectively. The following key aspects will be considered in the presentations and discussions:

1. With expected approvals for new medicines and vaccines for COVID-19, PV systems have an essential role to play to ensure the safe use of new or repurposed medicines and vaccines in order to maintain public confidence.
2. PV systems across Africa need to be configured adequately and activated in order to be able to effectively monitor those medicines and vaccines.
3. Collaboration and support from all relevant stakeholders from both public sector, private sector, industries and suppliers is essential for achieve success.



Virtual meeting format

This virtual meeting will be conducted online using the *ISO P Zoom platform* on Thursday September 3rd starting from 12:00 Universal Coordinated Time (UTC), i.e. Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). **Please refer to the upper section of this page to check the starting time according to your time zone.** For technical reasons, the system will indicate a starting time 30 min ahead of the actual start of the meeting. We will be opening the session 15 minutes before start. Once the session is open, all attendees will be able to reach the technical organiser through the *chat* function. The Q&A functions should be reserved to asking questions to the Panelists.

Important: To connect this virtual meeting, you will be requested to register using the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3H8Nsah5SESGob8bBo1gQ

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The below timing is indicated in Universal Time Coordinated UTC (GMT) – Please adjust to your own time zone

UTC 12:00 10'	Session opening by Dr Helen Byomire Ndagije; <i>President of the ISoP Africa Chapter Director of Product Safety at the National Drug Authority in Uganda</i>	
UTC 12:10 10'	Other ISoP Africa Chapter Executive committee members introducing themselves: <i>Dr Christabel Khaemba (Vice-President), Ms Comfort Ogar (Secretary General), Dr Wangui Mathenge (Treasurer)</i>	
Pharmacovigilance in Africa: preparing for effective surveillance of COVID-19 remedies <i>Session Chair: Ms Comfort Ogar, Management Sciences for Health, Nigeria</i>		
A. Presentations by Panelists		
UTC 12:20 10'	Pharmacovigilance during COVID-19 Pandemic and the Role of ISoP	<i>Dr Rebecca Chandler, Vice President of ISoP, Uppsala Monitoring Centre.</i>
UTC 12:30 10'	Current Global Trends in Pharmacovigilance: Lessons/Opportunities for monitoring COVID-19 remedies in Africa	<i>Dr Sten Olsson, WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Medicine Safety, ISoP Past President and Advisor to the ISoP Africa Chapter</i>
UTC 12:40 10'	African Medicines Regulatory Harmonisation: Making the AU-Smart Safety Surveillance (3S) work for COVID-19	<i>Dr Hudu Mogtari, NEPAD Agency Industrialization, Science, Technology and Innovation</i>
UTC 12:50 10'	Enhancing PV practice in Africa during COVID-19: The Industry perspective.	<i>Dr Jayesh Manharlal Pandit, BAYER, Kenya</i>
UTC 13:00 10'	The agenda of the ISoP Africa Chapter	<i>Dr Helen Byomire Ndagije; Director of Product Safety at the National Drug Authority of Uganda</i>
B. Discussion and Q&A		
UTC 13:10 35'	Q&A Session. Attendees from the Audience will be able to ask question via the Q&A facility of the Zoom system or may use the chat facility to request Audio/video access.	<i>Moderated by Dr Christabel Khaemba, Head Pharmacovigilance, MoH of Kenya.</i>
UTC 13:45 15'	Discussion on setting up Working groups of Volunteers to support ISoP Africa Chapter EC Objectives. Wrapping-up the meeting.	<i>Moderated by Dr Wangui Mathenge, PVCC Consulting, Kenya</i>
UTC 14:00	<i>End of the ISoP Chapter Virtual Meeting</i>	