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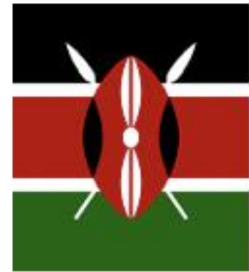
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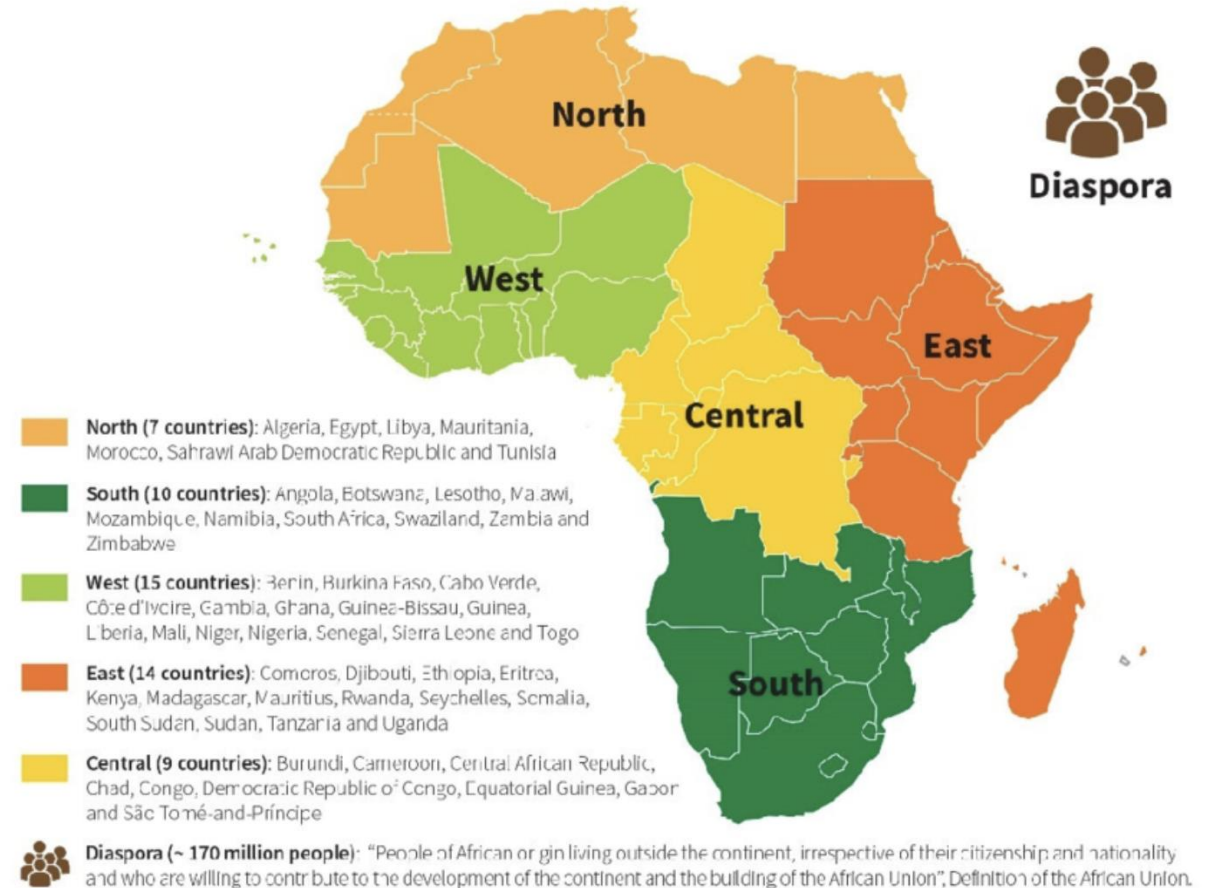


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AMDF Membership

- ✓ Kenya
- ✓ South Africa
- ✓ United Republic of Tanzania
- ✓ Zanzibar
- ✓ Zambia
- ✓ Botswana
- ✓ Uganda
- ✓ Rwanda
- ✓ Burundi
- ✓ Ethiopia
- ✓ Nigeria
- ✓ Ghana
- ✓ Senegal
- ✓ Congo
- ✓ Namibia
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AMDF ACTIVITIES

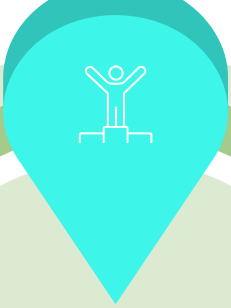
Harmonization

January-23
GHWP Riyadh meeting,
Increase membership
for AMDF to GHWP for
harmonization



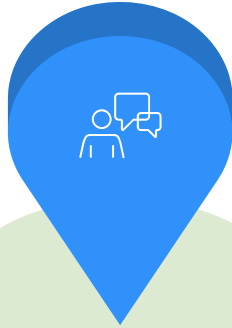
AMRH-SC

April and June -23
Submission of developed
resources to
maternal/newborn and
child health



Supporting Local Manufacturing of Diagnostics

August-23
The establishment of
the African initiative
for Diagnostics
access



Building

Utilization of the Virtual
platform for capacity
building initiatives.
Physical workshop
planning ongoing



WHA

June-23 Adoption of the
resolution supporting
diagnostics access to
African member states



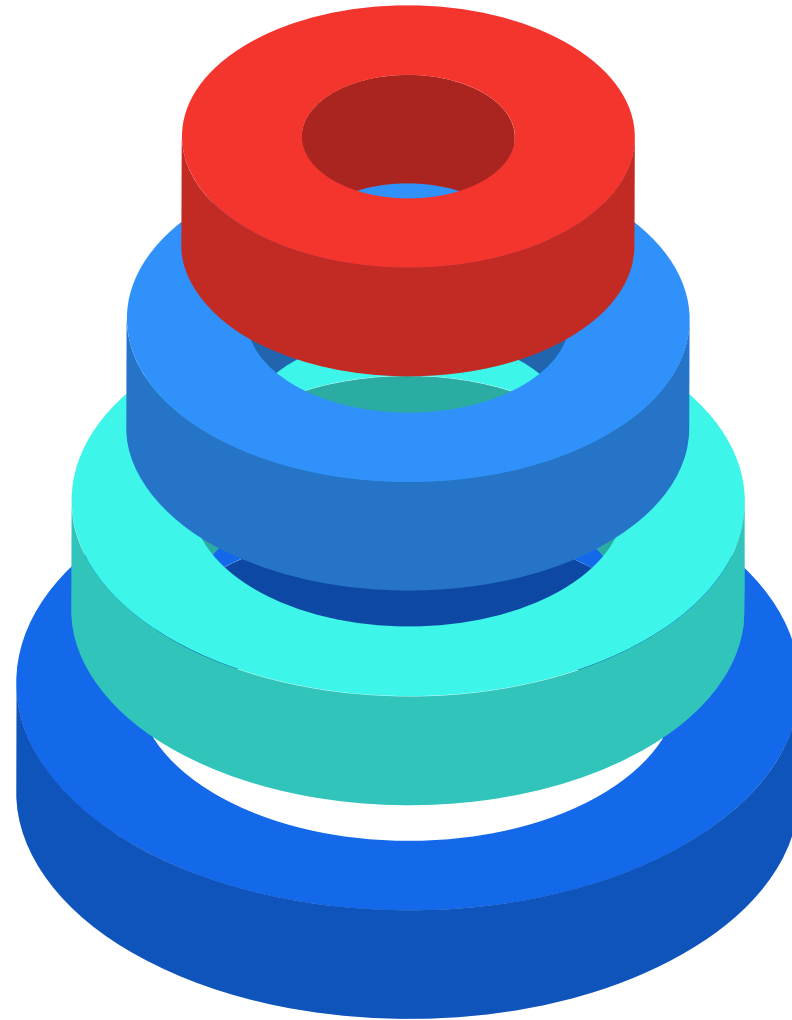
Areas of Focus-

Operationalization of Africa Medicines Agency

-AMDF- Resource to the Operationalization of the African Medicines Agency
-AMDF Attended the biannual meeting in June with a view of aligning the workplan with the continental initiative

Capacity Building

Domestication and uptake of the developed resources, which include guidance document on Market authorization, Control of Import &Exports, Quality audits and registration of establishment of medical devices.



Maternal, Newborn and Child health Guidance Document Development

With the support of Partner, -AMDF Developed a resource to support in regulating maternal, newborn and child health sub population medical devices
-The use of IMDRF Guidance document as a resource.

Enabling Access to Resource for Medical Devices to Regulators

Developed resources are made available to national regulatory authorities with a view of accelerating access.

AMDF-RHI-IMDRF

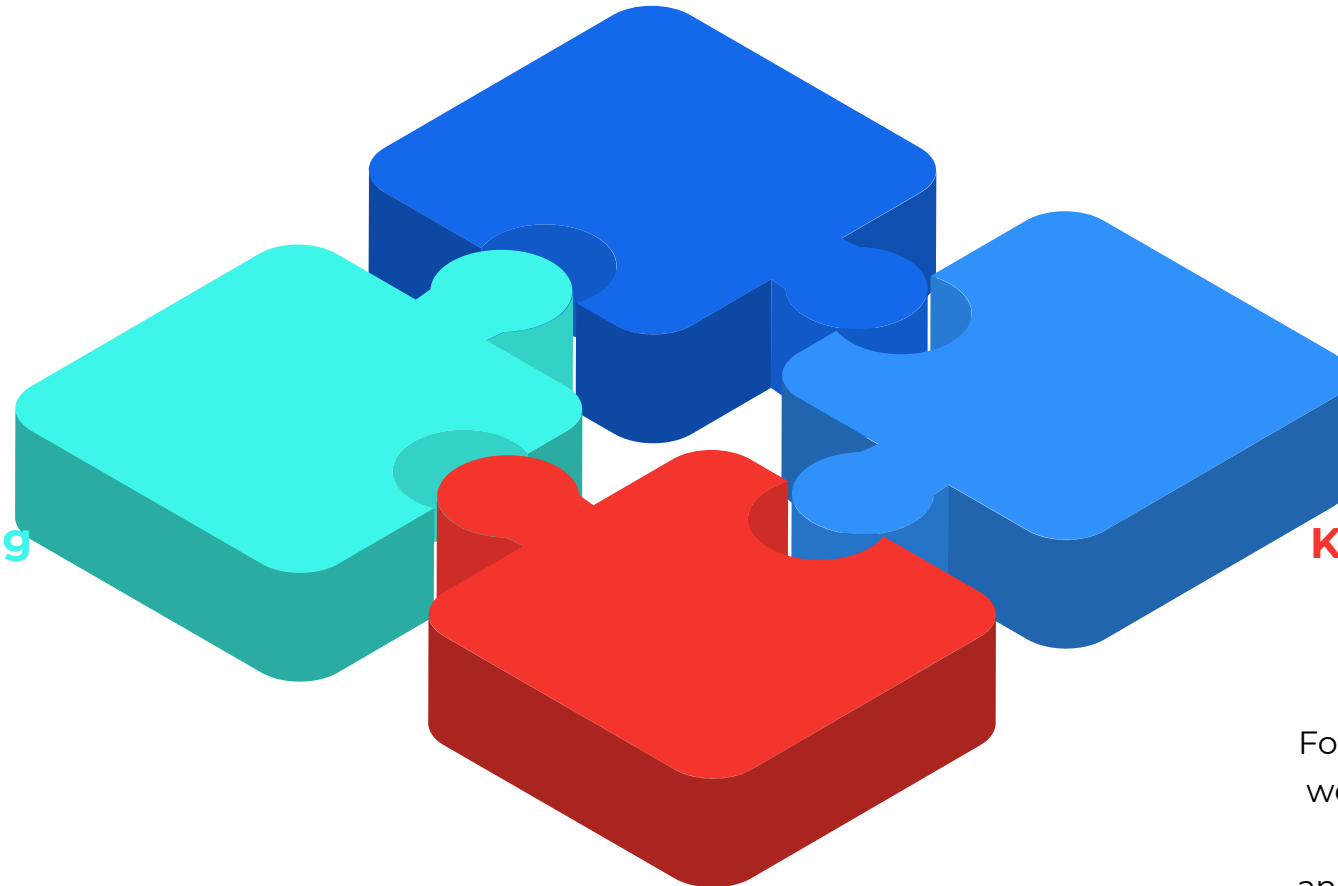


Regional Harmonization

-Elevate the standards of Documents that NRA's use for conformity, enabling Access and Removing Barriers

Capacity Building and Technical Knowhow Exchange

-Africa has its set of challenges that when shared make regulatory harmonization efforts



Information Sharing



-Platform for information sharing on Opportunities, Challenges and Areas of collaboration
-Fostering an environment for responsive regulatory practices

Keeping abreast with Current Practices



Fostering an environment where we are able to keep abreast with new information, technologies and practices in the regulation of Medical devices and Diagnostics.

Thank you/Asante Sana

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Update on Medical Device PWA of APEC RHSC

Cheng-Ning Emily Wu | TFDA, Chinese Taipei

26 September 2023



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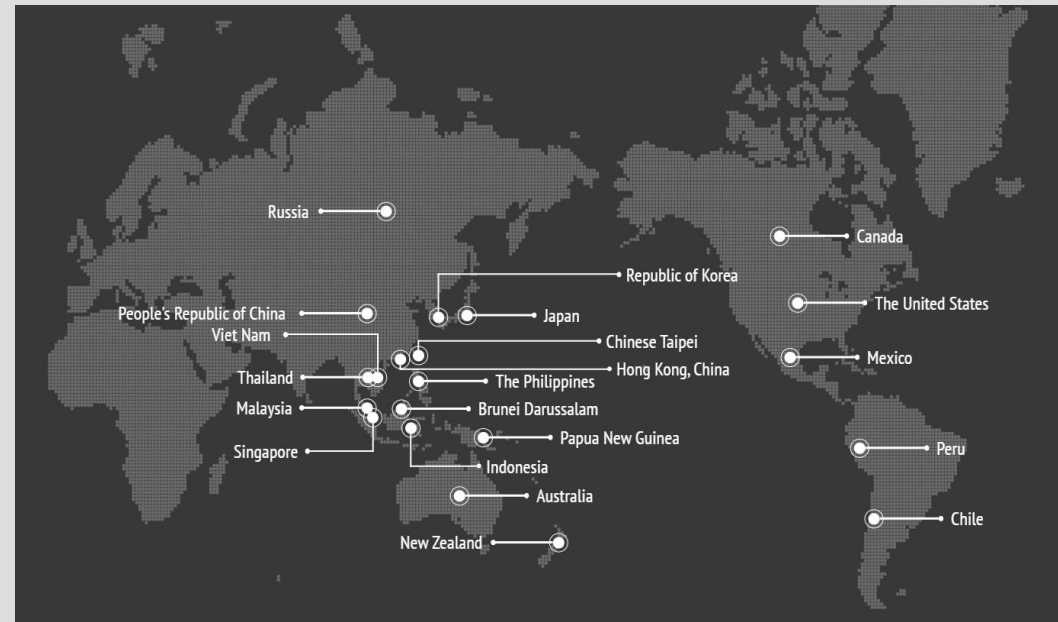


Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)



APEC

21 member economies: Australia; Brunei Darussalam; Canada; Chile; People's Republic of China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Republic of Korea; Malaysia; Mexico; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; Peru; The Republic of the Philippines; The Russian Federation; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; United States of America; and Viet Nam.



<https://www.apec.org/about-us/about-apec/member-economies>



APEC RHSC

- **Mission:** facilitate regulatory cooperation among medical product regulatory authorities, build human capacity in regulatory science among medical product regulatory staff, and promote political will for convergence and reliance among regulatory policymakers in APEC
- **Establishment:** 2009
- **Scope:** Pharmaceutical Products & Medical Devices
- **Members:**
 - Regulators from APEC Economies
 - Industry coalitions:
 - Research-based Pharmaceuticals
 - Medical Devices
 - Generic Pharmaceuticals
 - Biotechnological Products
 - Advanced Therapies
 - CoE Coalition of Training Partners



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RHSC Priority Work Areas



Priority Work Areas (PWAs)

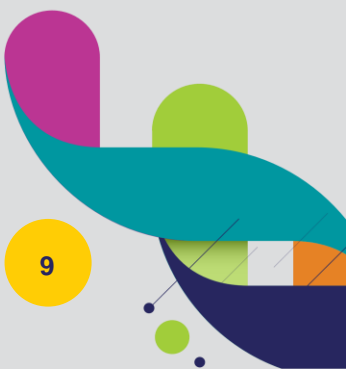
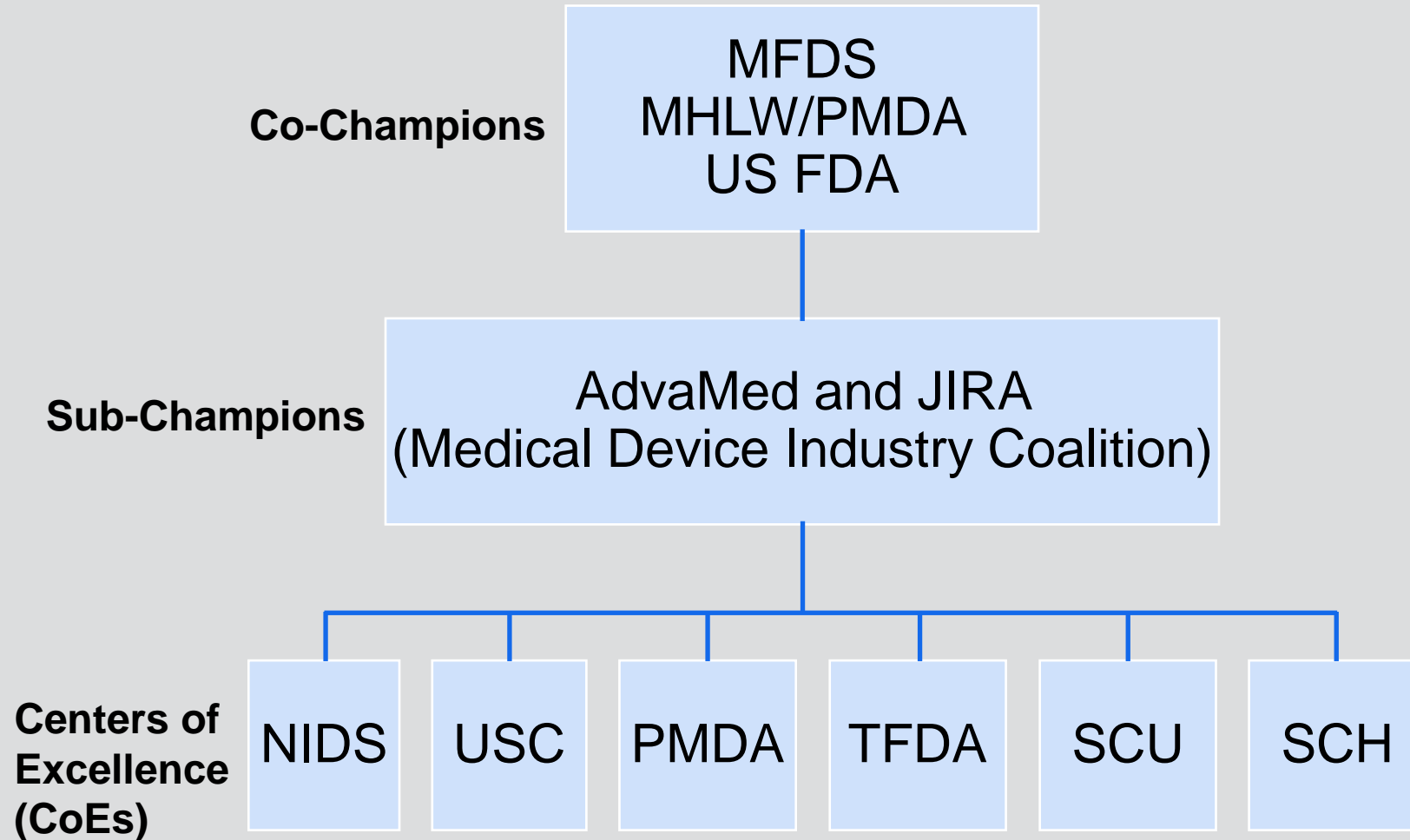
- Multi-Regional Clinical Trials and Good Clinical Practice Inspection (Japan, Thailand)
- Pharmacovigilance (Korea)
- Biotherapeutic Products (Current PWA Management: US, BIO)
- Advanced Therapy Products (Singapore, US)
- Good Registration Management (Chinese Taipei, Japan)
- Global Supply Chain Integrity (US)
- **Medical Devices** (Japan, Korea, US)

Medical Device PWA

Goals of PWA

- Promote international harmonization initiatives (i.e., GHTF/IMDRF guidance documents)
- Build regulatory capacity and knowledge
- Support harmonized implementation efforts among APEC economies

Medical Device PWA Structure



Medical Device PWA Roadmap

- Promotes regulatory convergence for medical device regulatory systems
- Focuses on training and education efforts related to topics across the Total Product Life Cycle (TPLC) of medical devices:
 - Premarket
 - Postmarket
 - Quality Management System (QMS)

PWA Core Curriculum

- Annex to the PWA roadmap
- “Reference library” of harmonized guidance documents on TPLC topics
- Medical Device PWA includes specified GHTF/IMDRF documents
- Both medical devices and in vitro diagnostic (IVD) medical devices are inclusive
- Co-Champions continuously update Core Curriculum with intersessional approval



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Center of Excellence Programs



CoE Programs Held since IMDRF-23

CoE	Economy	Program	Format	Date
Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA)	Chinese Taipei	2023 APEC Medical Devices Regulatory Science CoE Workshop	In-Person & Virtual	29-31 Aug

CoE Programs Planned for 2023

CoE	Economy	Planned Program	Format	Date
University of Southern California (USC)	United States	Medical Devices 2023: Harmonizing Medical Device Regulation	In-Person & Virtual	12-13 Oct
Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA)	Japan	Medical Devices Review (APEC Center of Excellence Workshop: PMDA-ATC Medical Devices Workshop 2023)	Virtual	14-16 Nov
Soonchunhyang University (SCH)	Korea	2023 SCH APEC Medical Device CoE Training	In-Person & Virtual	7-8 Nov (In-Person) & 1-24 Nov (Virtual)
Sichuan University (SCU)	China	(CoE workshop)	TBC	TBC
Northeastern University (NEU)	United States	(Pilot CoE workshop)	TBC	TBC



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Next Steps



Next Steps

- APEC Senior Officials and Ministers continue to find a new home organization for RHSC under the APEC umbrella.
- To further regulatory convergence and cooperation efforts, RHSC held a face-to-face meeting on 12 April 2023 in Oakland (USA) and is considering the next meeting for December 2023.
- Work is to be continued in accordance with RHSC Vision 2030 and Strategic Framework.



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Towards Medical Device Harmonization

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Global Harmonization Working Party

GHWP Towards Medical Device Harmonization

The Global Harmonization Working Party was **formed in 1996-97** by a group of committed regulatory affairs professionals working towards greater harmonization of medical device regulations

The Party, formerly known as Asian Harmonization Working Party, was **rebranded to Global Harmonization Working Party (GHWP) in 2021**

At present there are 33 member countries/regions in GHWP, where **regulatory authority and industry representatives have equal voting rights** in GHWP annual meetings

GHWP Members from 33 Countries/Regions & 6 Liaison Partners

GHWP Members		
Brunei Darussalam	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Singapore
Cambodia	Kyrgyz Republic	South Africa
Chile	Laos PDR	State of Kuwait
Chinese Taipei	Malaysia	Sultanate of Oman
Hong Kong SAR, China	Mongolia	Tanzania
India	Myanmar	Thailand
Indonesia	Pakistan	United Arab Emirates
Japan	People's Republic of China	United States of America
Jordan	Philippines	Vietnam
Kazakhstan	Republic of Kenya	Yemen
Kingdom of Bahrain	Republic of Korea	Zimbabwe

GHWP Liaison Members (Liaison Partners)
Asia Pacific Medical Technology Association (APACMed)
Global Diagnostic Imaging, Healthcare IT, and Radiation Therapy Trade Association (DITTA)
Global Medical Device Nomenclature Agency (GMDN Agency)
Global Medical Technology Alliance (GMTA)
GS1
Inter-American Coalition for Regulatory Convergence for the Medical Technology Sector (IACRC)



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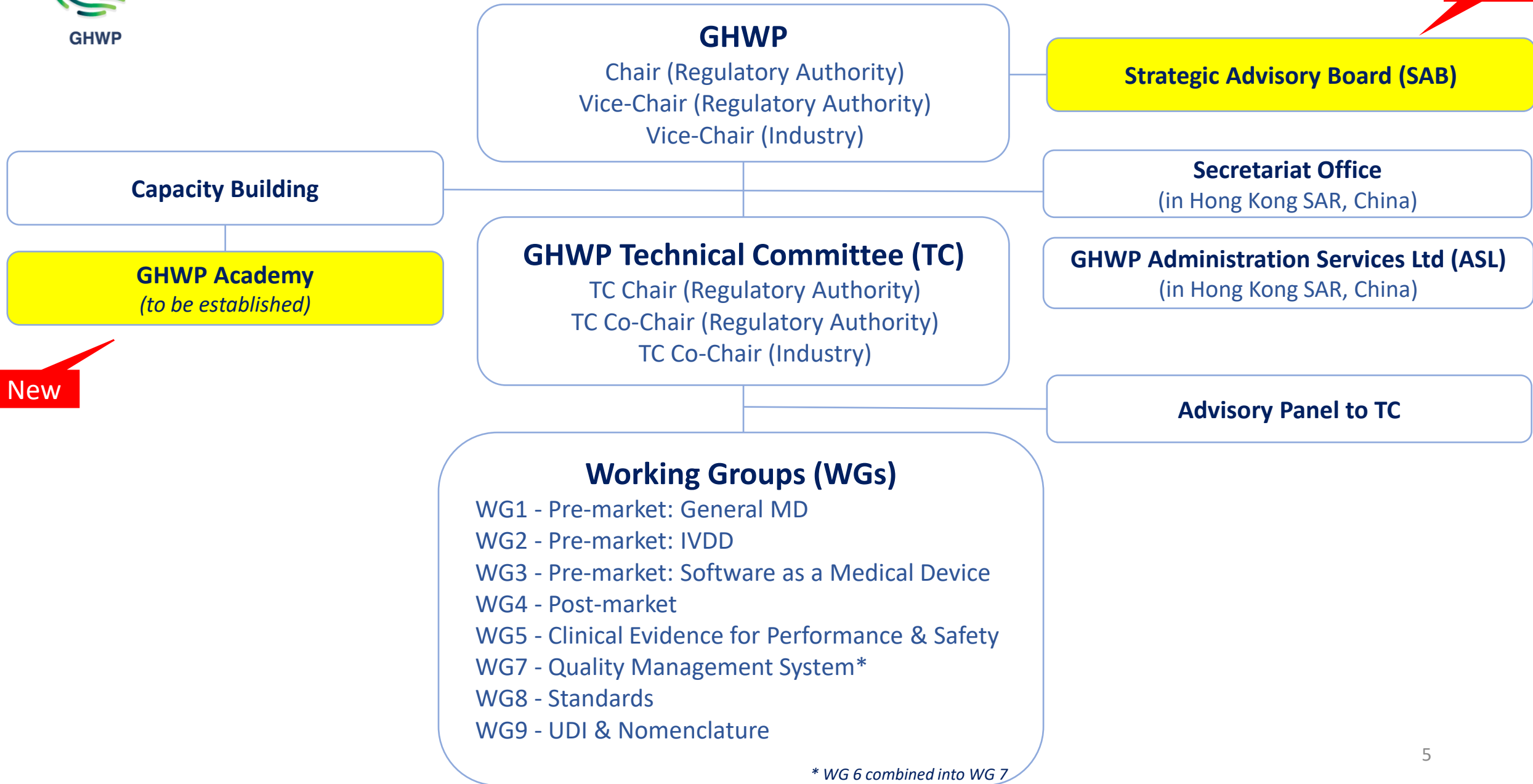


Ms. Miang Tanakasemsub
GHWP TC Co-chair (Industry)

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GHWP Organization Structure





GHWP Strategic Advisory Board (SAB)

- To bring knowledge and experience to support in **high-level planning and steering on the development of GHWP**, and the promotion of GHWP's mission, vision, and goals
- To **provide advice, recommendation, insights and intelligence for the strategic positioning and development of GHWP**
- The role of SAB should be **differentiated from GHWPTC Advisory Panel**, which offers technical/professional advice towards meeting the goals of GHWP
- **Experts from regulatory authorities of GHWP member countries or regions** with robust medical device regulatory systems, or other **international or regional organizations** as SAB Members, including the participation of **experts from industry** on need basis
- **Number of members in the SAB shall not exceed ten (10)**, preferably from different continents

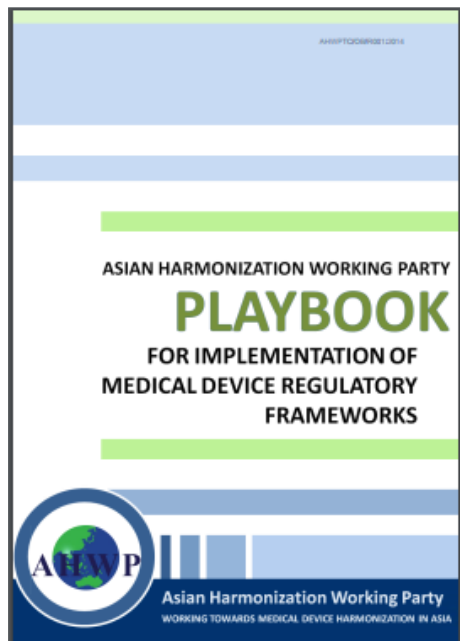


GHWP Strategic Advisory Board (SAB) – Cont.

- **“GHWP Procedure for Strategic Advisory Board Establishment and Operation”** with more details on the operations of the SAB was released in July 2023, and available on GHWP website
- **Roundtable Meeting shall generally be held by video conference**, or as a side event at the GHWP TC meeting
- SAB Member(s) will be awarded with a letter of appointment by GHWP Chair at the first GHWP Annual Meeting following their appointment
- Appointment to the SAB is **on a voluntary basis**



GHWP from Playbook to Academy



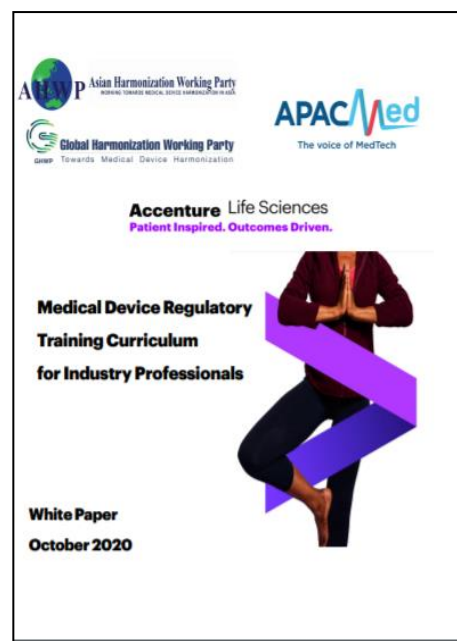
Playbook for implementation of medical device regulatory frameworks

2014 - 2017



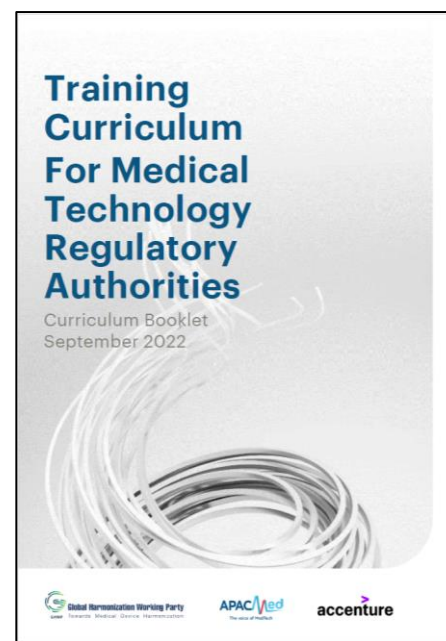
Competency framework for medical technology regulators

2018 - 2019



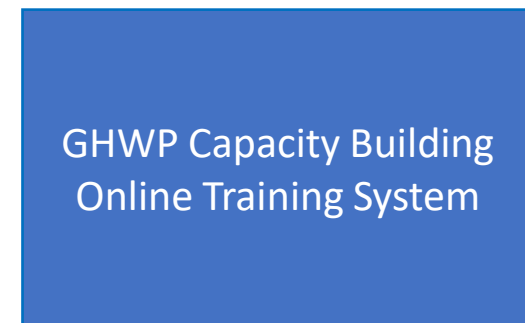
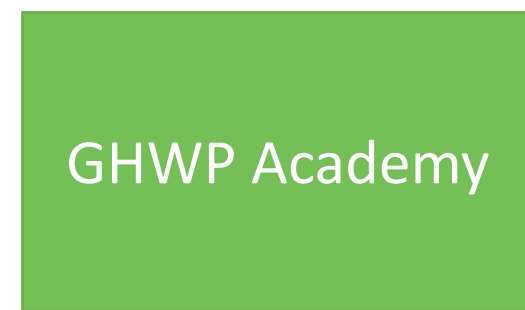
Medical Device Regulatory training Curriculum for Industry Professionals

2020-2021



Training Curriculum for Medical Technology Regulatory Authorities

2022-2023



2023-2026



GHWP Academy

Purpose

- To facilitate the implementation of the *Global Harmonization Working Party Strategic Framework towards 2026*, and fulfill GHWP's mission, vision and goals, GHWP Leadership decides **to establish the GHWP Academy in its member countries and regions** for
 - **carrying out training, research and knowledge exchange** in the field of medical devices
 - **enhancing medical device regulatory capability** of its member countries and regions
 - promoting global medical device regulations toward **convergence, harmonization and reliance**



GHWP Academy

Mode of Training

- GHWP Academy **mainly focuses on on-site trainings**, while online trainings are also encouraged to benefit a wider range of participants

Call for Comments

- “Measures for the Building of GHWP Academy” on GHWP website on 13th Sep 2023
- **Deadline for submission of comment by 28th Sep 2023**

Application for GHWP Academy

- Deadline for submission of [application form & full proposal](#) will be on **23rd Oct 2023**



GHWP 27th Annual Meeting & Technical Committee Meeting

27th to 30th November 2023

Shanghai International Convention Center, Shanghai, China



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DITTA Report

IMDRF Open Stakeholder Forum

September 26, 2023

Patrick Hope, DITTA Chair

Executive Director, Medical Imaging and Technology Alliance





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DITTA Global Presence



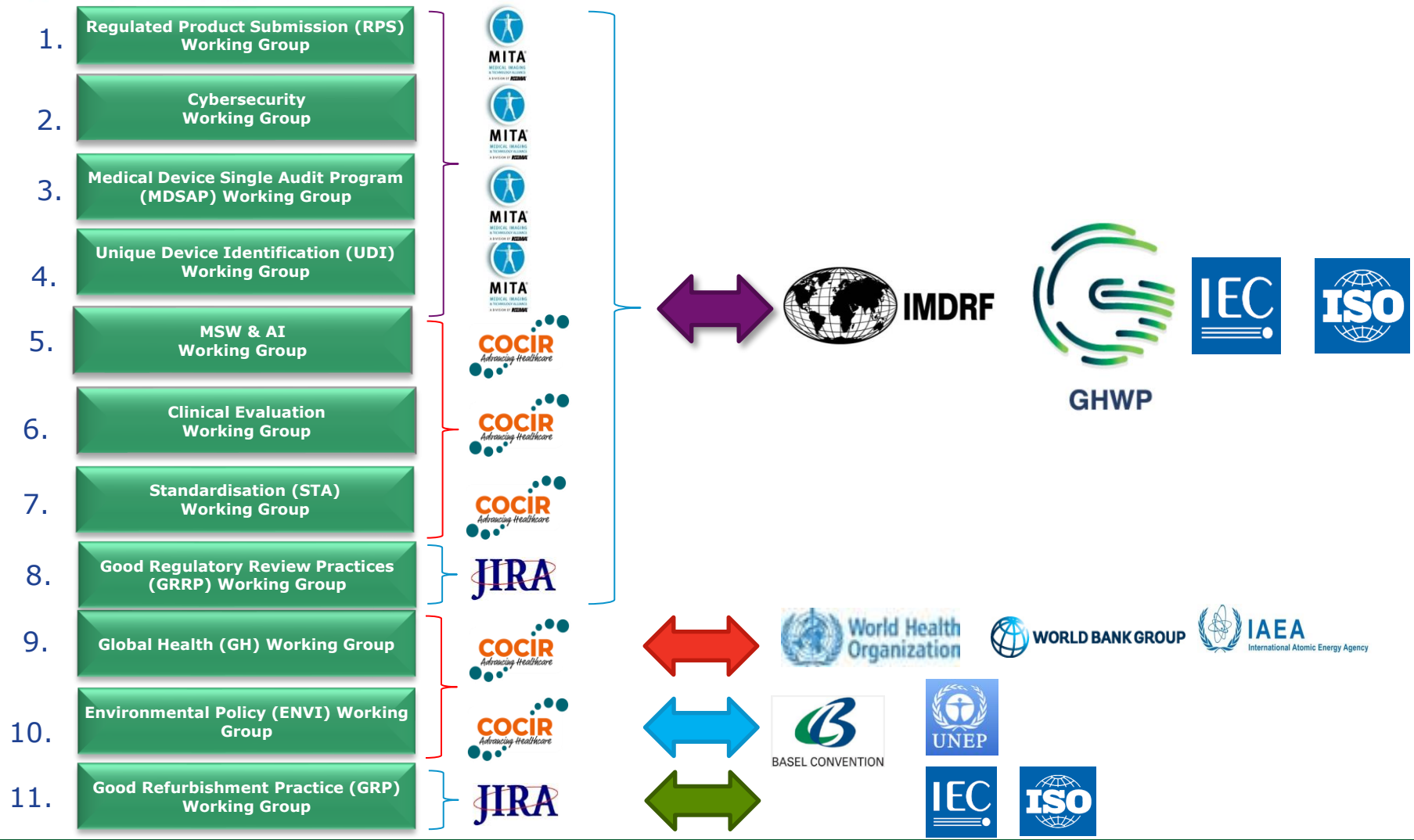
- 2018: DITTA recognized as a non state actor in official relations with WHO
- 2016: Signed MoU with the World Bank
- 2015: Granted NGO status with WHO
- 2014: Established official liaison with now-GHWP





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DITTA: 11 WORKING GROUPS





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GMTA-DITTA WORKSHOP OVERVIEW





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2. DITTA PRIORITIES

- Global harmonization of medical device regulations
- Convergence of regulatory frameworks
- Regulatory reliance
- Support training and capacity building





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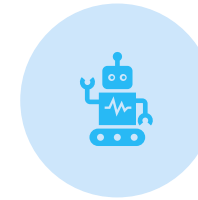
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Good Regulatory Review Practices (GRRP)



Medical Device Cybersecurity Guide (CYBER)



Artificial Intelligence /Machine/Learning-enabled Devices (AI/ML)



Software as a Medical Device (SaMD)



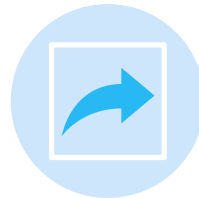
Standards



Unique Device Identification Application Guide (UDI)



Medical device single audit program (MDSAP)



RPS/eSTAR



Health Equity





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3. Feedback on IMDRF Work items



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1. Good Regulatory Review Practices (GRRP)

- DITTA welcomed the publication of the IMDRF N71 “Medical Device Review Report: Guidance regarding information to be included”
- DITTA supports further development of key elements for the CAB review system



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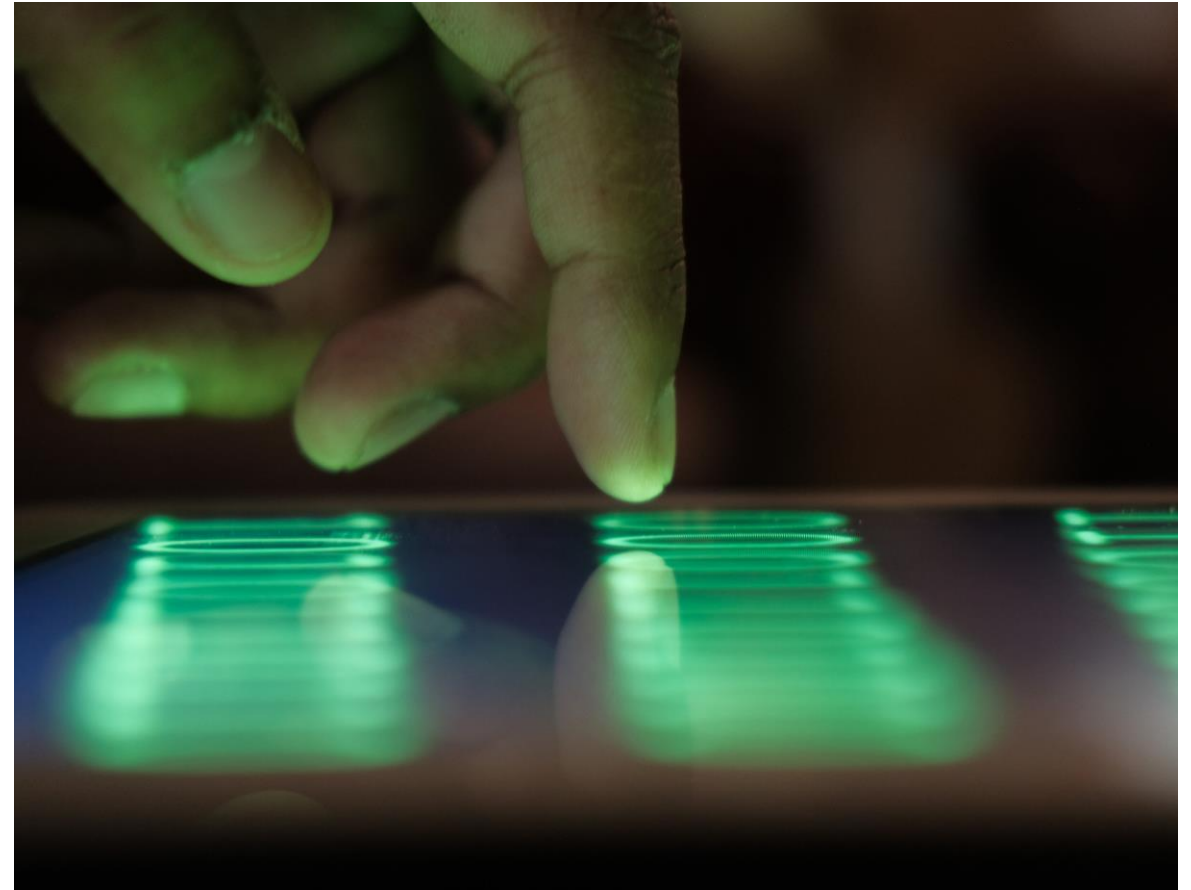
3. Feedback on IMDRF Work items

2. Medical Device Cybersecurity Guide (CYBER)

- DITTA is committed to working with the IMDRF to ensure that medical devices are deployed securely on networks and operate in a safe, effective way.

3. Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning-enabled (AI/ML)

- DITTA supports the development of IMDRF guidance on Good Machine Learning Practice and Pre-Determined Change Control Plans.





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3. Feedback on IMDRF Work items



4. Software as a Medical Devices (SaMD)

- Support current activity to revise the existing SaMD documents.
- “SaMD Key Definitions (N10)” and on “Possible Framework for Risk Categorization and Corresponding Considerations (N12)”

5. Standards -Improving the quality of international medical device standards for regulatory use

- International standards are vital for global convergence
- Support “Standards Liaison Program Framework” (IMDRF/Standards WG/N72)
- IMDRF should actively use its liaison status at ISO and IEC to ensure regulators’ input into development of standards for regulatory use is implemented.

3. Feedback on IMDRF Work items

6. Unique Device Identification Application Guide (UDI)

- [See DITTA Whitepaper on UDI: Challenges with Implementing Global Unique Device Identification Requirements and Solutions](#)
- Support global harmonization of UDI requirements via implementation of the existing IMDRF documents
- Recommend updating documents:
 - “IMDRF/UDI WG/N53 “Use of UDI Data Elements across different IMDRF Jurisdictions”
 - “IMDRF/UDI WG/N48 “Application Guide”

7. Medical device single audit program (MDSAP)

- DITTA recommends that additional jurisdictions accept MDSAP reports in place of their need for audits
- DITTA encourages jurisdictions to become Members or Affiliates of the MDSAP Consortium



3. Feedback on Other Regulatory Initiatives

8. RPS/eSTAR

- DITTA members are participating in the eSTAR joint pilot with US FDA and Health Canada
- We welcome additional jurisdictions participating in future eSTAR expansion

9. Health Equity

- DITTA shared comments in support of the *Guiding Principles to Support Medical Device Health Equity*
- Support including additional factors such as socioeconomic and age





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Digital Label

Leveraging technology to streamline access to
information and reduce costs

Diana Kanecka, GMTA

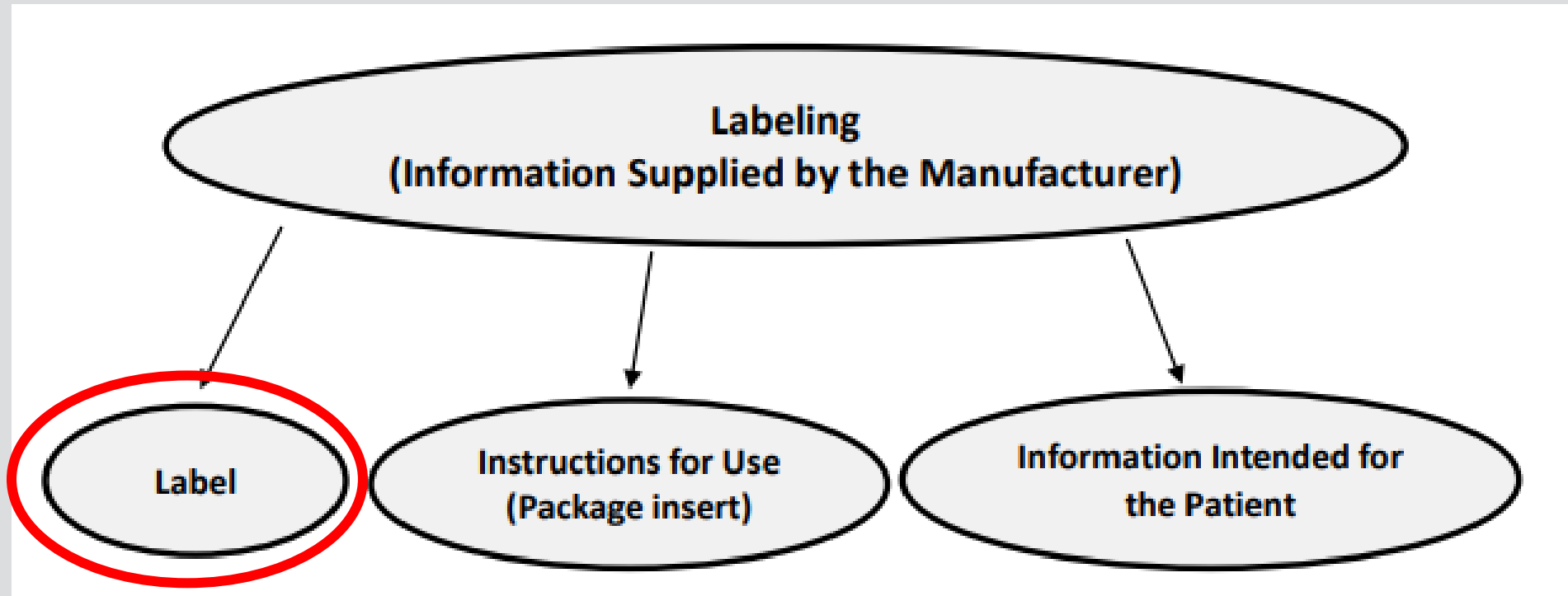


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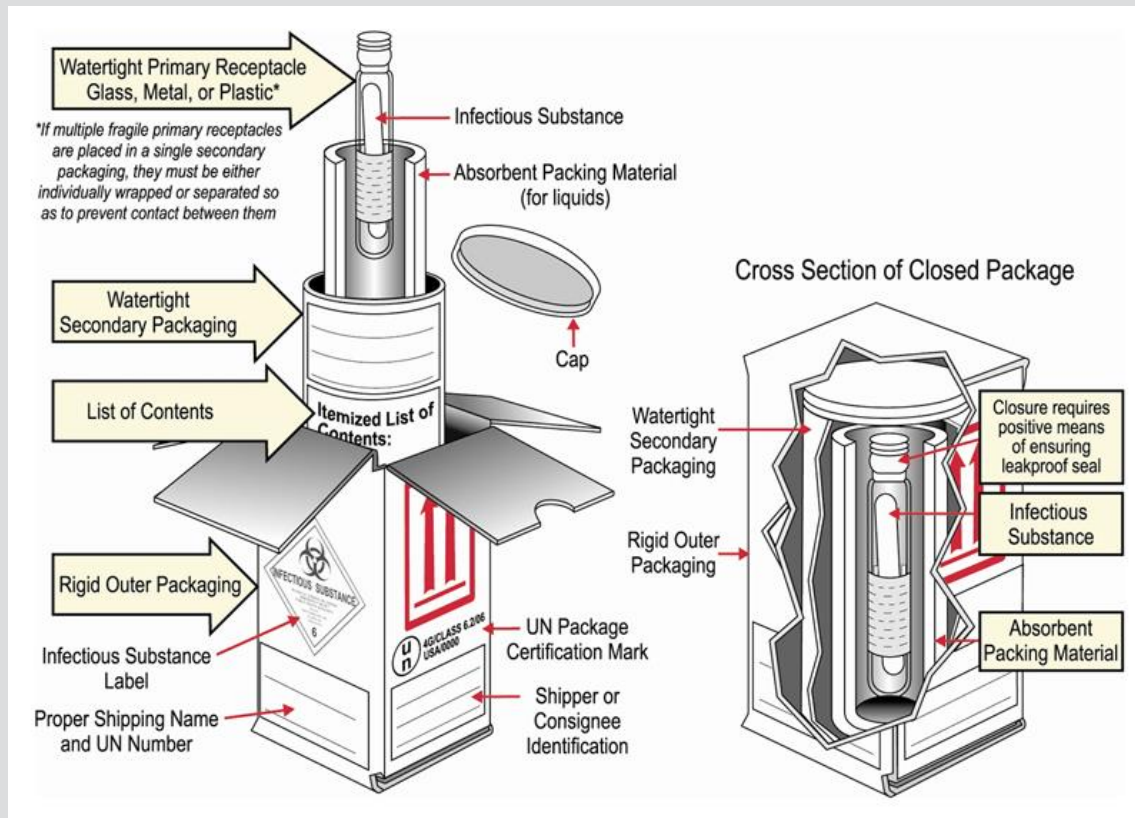
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Focusing on:



What is in a label? – Key information:



Identify



Handle



Safety

And yet - more regulations – more label requirements:

Conformity Marks

Economic operators

Local registration information...

Challenges of current labels:

Raising cost to serve

Proliferation of country
specific label
requirements

Lack of a harmonized
approach on what is
essential to be on the
label

Difficulty to read
specific information –
small print and
overcrowding of the
label

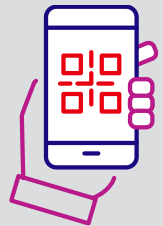
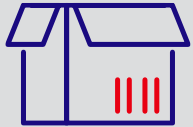
Labelling changes can
cause inefficiencies
within the system and
may impact product
availability

What is a digital label?

Digital **label**


















Printed digital display on the product where additional prescribing, product information, country specific requirements for medical device can be displayed



Comes in the form of **barcodes, 2D data matrix, RFID, NFC, QR codes, blockchain, website link**

Examples of coded elements

UPC-A & E  <small>0 36000 29143 2</small>	I 2 of 5 (ITF)  <small>1 04 14141 99999 3</small>	Pharmacode  <small>123456</small>	QR Code 
EAN-8 & 13  <small>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0</small>	Cod-a-bar  <small>3 1117 01320 6375</small>	Data Matrix 	Micro QR Code 
EAN 128  <small>020 99997 200000 070 10</small>	Code 39  <small>TWIST + RAINBOW</small>	PDF-417 	Human Readable  <small>PV000001</small>
Code 128  <small>1234567890</small>	GS1-RSS  <small>(01)04512345678906</small>	Micro PDF-417 	

Opportunities digital label offers:



Provides information to regulators and users in a format that is much clearer and avoids cluttered labels and packaging and information overload, as information can be better depicted electronically – **enhancing safety information**

Ensures rapid access to up-to-date information for health care professionals, hospitals, users, health authorities and other stakeholders

Can link the user to the latest electronic instructions for use (e-IFU) or an electronic implant card, if applicable

Can be used for **informing the authorities and users** on the registration status and on the economic operators **in their specific region** without the need for labelling the device packaging itself and confusion when multiple EOs are involved

Can accommodate a wider range of information to the user and inform the user on environmental sustainability for re-use, recycle and repurpose of e.g., packaging materials

Can improve supply management. Digital labels reduce complexity of packaging line management and its associated activities which helps to reduce stock shortages, wastage, and improved access for patients

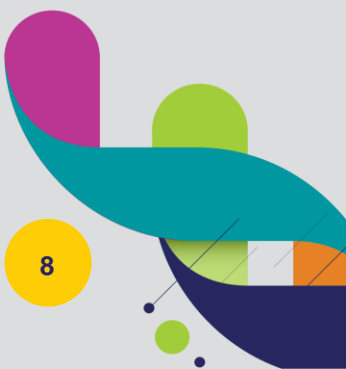
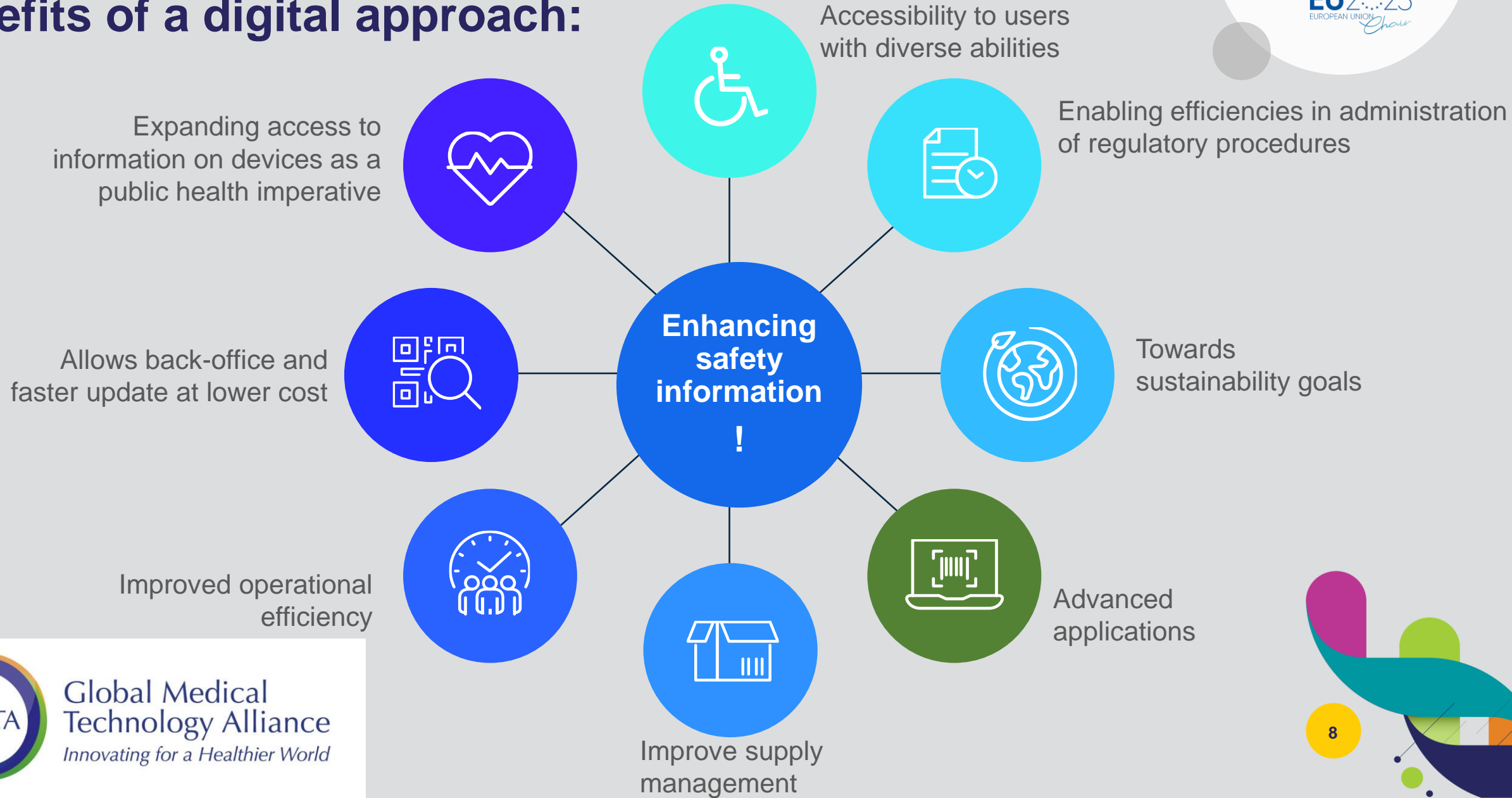
Can enhance sustainability goals. By eliminating paper labels, digital labelling improves environmental sustainability, reduces wastages and deforestation



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Benefits of a digital approach:



Recommendations:

- Digitization of the regulatory system and acceptance of digital labels
- Agree and align on what is the KEY information that needs to be on the label (device identification and safety perspective)
 - Limit label requirements to those elements that are essential for identification of the device and safety and allow for additional information to be accessed via a digital label
- Include stakeholders in the process to enable additional information to be made available to users via a digital label



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