



**WHAT'S NEEDED TO ACCELERATE
ACCESS TO SAFE AND QUALITY
MEDICINES AND VACCINES IN AFRICA?**

Media Round Table

An event at the margins of the 4th African Regulatory Conference (ARC)

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Moderator and Speakers Biography

Opening Remarks

Professor Amadou Moctar DIEYE

Director of Pharmacy and Medicines of Senegal

Director of Pharmacy and Medicines of Senegal since 2013, Professor Amadou Moctar Dieye is also Professor at Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar since 2008. Previously, he held various positions within the Ministry of Health of Senegal and within the Economic and Monetary Union of West Africa (UEMOA). Professor Amadou Moctar Dieye also offers his expertise to learned societies, numerous scientific journals and the Senegalese Army where he holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Moderator: Welcome to the Media

Ms Claire HEDON, Journalist, Radio France Internationale

Ms Claire Hedon is based in Paris and has more than 20 years' experience as a seasoned journalist covering all types of content from economy, society and environment. She has extensive experience with Radio France Internationale. Since 2003, Ms Hedon is in charge of the health show "Health Priority" or "Priorité Santé" in French where the sole focus is on global health. The aim of her show is to raise awareness, inform the public of their rights, and highlight the availability of and access to treatments.



Introduction – Global Health Community Engagement

Dr Vincent AHOKHAI, Senior Advisor, Global Health, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

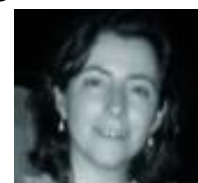


Dr. Vincent Ahonkhai is currently a Senior Regulatory Officer at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Seattle Washington; Washington, DC. He retired as Vice President of Regulatory Affairs at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK). Prior to that, he was Vice President, Global Clinical Safety, Pharmacovigilance, GSK, and Vice President; Director, Clinical and Medical Affairs for Anti-Infectives and Biologicals, former SmithKline Beecham. He also held senior level positions at Merck and R.W. Johnson Pharmaceutical Research Institute in product development encompassing Phase I to Phase V programs and Medical Affairs. His expertise includes U.S., and global drug development in multiple therapeutic areas.

1. The Regulatory Framework in Place

Dr Mercè CATURLA, Global Access Regulatory Lead at Janssen (J&J), Chair of IFPMA African Regulatory Network (ARN)

Dr Caturla joined the Janssen Global Regulatory Affairs department in 2006. She is currently the Global Access Regulatory Lead at Janssen Infectious Diseases BVBA, part of the Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson. Dr. Caturla is acting as the Janssen WHO Regulatory liaison and facilitates processes for the listing of drugs in the WHO List of Prequalification Medicinal Products to allow for faster access to essential treatments.



Dr Caturla is also the Johnson & Johnson representative and current Chair of the African Regulatory Network (ARN), an ad hoc regional network of the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA), official stakeholder of the African Medicines Regulatory Harmonization (AMRH) Advisory Committee. Dr Caturla is based in Brussels.

2. The African Context

Dr Corneille TRAORÉ, Director of Health, Social Protection and Mutual Insurance of the Commission of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU)

Dr Traoré occupied several posts in Burkina Faso starting as Clinician with the National Hospital of Ouagadougou, Chief District Health Officer of Gourcy, Provincial Health Director, Head of Cooperation Services of the Department of Studies and Planning at the Ministry of Health, Director of Studies and Planning at the Ministry of Health, manager of Evaluation Monitoring with the Technical Secretariat of the National Health Development Plan, Coordinator of the Health System Decentralisation Support Unit, Programme Officer, and now current Director of Health, Social Protection and Mutual Insurance of the Commission of the WAEMU. Dr Traoré is based in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.



3. Addressing Counterfeiting from a Governmental Organization Perspective

Mrs Sybil OSSEI-AGYEMAN-YEBOAH, Professional Officer, Essential Medicines and Vaccines

West African Health Organization (WAHO) Mrs Ossei-Agyeman-Yeboah is Officer in charge of Essential Medicines and Vaccines in West African Health Organization (WAHO), AU/NEPAD/AMRH Advisory Committee Member, Observer Status of the United State Pharmacopoeial Convention and a member of the United States Pharmacopoeia, Centre for Pharmaceutical Advancement and Training Advisory Group. Mrs Ossei-Agyeman-Yeboah has a rich experience in policies, legislation, regulations and guidelines. She held several positions from Management Consultant, Lecturer at Kumasi Polytechnic, Head of Manufacturing unit at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital. Vice-President of Ladies Pharmacists Association of Ghana and President from 2005-2010. Governing Board Member, Constitutional Committee Member, Public Health Committee Member and Director of Governance and Non-Governance Directorate, Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana. Ghana Representative for the Africa Pharmaceutical Forum issues in International Pharmaceutical Federation.



4. Impact of Counterfeiting from a Civil Society View

Professor Marc GENTILINI, General Delegate, Fondation Chirac

General Delegate of Fondation Chirac for Access to quality healthcare and medicines, Marc Gentilini is also President of the association OPALS (PanAfrican Organization for the Fight against AIDS) and Honorary President of the French Academy of Medicine. Grand Officer of the Légion of Honor, he has also been President of the French Red Cross from 1997 to 2004. Professor Marc Gentilini is a well-known specialist in tropical diseases and headed from 1970 to 1998 the department of neglected tropical diseases of the Hospital of La Pitié-Salpêtrière (Paris).



Closing Remarks

Dr Andreas SEITER, Senior Health Specialist – Pharmaceuticals The World Bank Group

Dr Andreas Seiter is a Senior Health Specialist and expert for pharmaceutical policy and management at the World Bank's Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice. He joined the Bank in January 2004 and is responsible for analytical and advisory work in all areas of pharmaceutical policy, such as regulation, governance, quality assurance, financing, pharmacy benefit management, supply chain and rational use. He has been working with Bank teams, policy makers and experts on the client side in more than 25 countries in Africa, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and South Asia. Dr Seiter leads the Bank's work on medicines regulatory harmonization, priority setting and engagement with the pharmaceutical private sector. In 2010, he published the book "A Practical Approach to Pharmaceutical Policy". Dr Seiter is based in Washington DC.



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TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2015 / FROM 7 TO 8 PM

King Fahd Palace Hotel / Dakar, Senegal

AGENDA

18:30	Fight The Fakes Reception <i>Professor Marc GENTILINI, Fondation Chirac</i> <i>Professor Muhammad ZAMAN, Boston University</i> <i>Ms Cyntia GENOLET, IFPMA</i>
19:00	Opening Remarks <i>Professor Amadou Moctar DIEYE, Director of Pharmacy and Medicines of Senegal</i>
19:05	Moderator Welcome to the Media <i>Ms Claire HEDON, Radio France Internationale</i>
19:10	Introduction – Global Health Community Engagement <i>Dr Vincent AHONKHAI, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation & co-Chair of ARC</i>
19:20	The Regulatory Framework in Place <i>Dr Mercé CATURLA, Chair of IFPMA's African Regulatory Network & co-chair of ARC</i>
19:30	The African Context <i>Dr Corneille TRAORÉ, West African Economic and Monetary Union, co-Chair of ARC</i>
19:40	Addressing Counterfeiting from a Governmental Organization Perspective <i>Ms Sybil OSSEI-AGYEMAN-YEBOAH, West African Health Organization</i>
19:50	Impact of Counterfeiting from Civil Society Perspective <i>Professor Marc GENTILINI, Fondation Chirac, Chair of Workshop on Counterfeit Medicines</i>
20:00	Q&A - Wrap-up of the Event <i>Ms Claire HEDON, Radio France Internationale</i>
20:10	Closing Remarks: Building Strategic Regulatory Alliances <i>Dr Andreas SEITER, World Bank Group</i>
20:15 21:00	Fight the Fakes Reception & Networking <i>Closure</i>

NB: Registration desk for the media at the entrance of the Fight the Fakes reception.

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