AfroCondomNet: stronger partnerships for effective condom regulation

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Condom regulation

- Medical device
- Dual regulation
- National Standards Body – Ministry responsible for trade and industry
- National Medicines and Medical Devices Regulatory – Ministry responsible for public health
- Inadequate regulatory systems strengthening
Establishment of AfroCondomNet

The journey of stronger partnerships for effective condom regulation
Journey towards AfroCondomNet

2011
First Afro Regional lab training

2013
Botswana & Kenya

2015
First Regional Technical training

2016
Heads of NRAs

2017
AfroCondomNet
Testing of Condoms: Hands-on training

- 2014: Ethiopia, Tanzania, Zambia
- 2015: Ghana
- 2016: Nigeria (NAFDAC)
- 2017: Nigeria (NCQAL)
- 2018: Uganda
Successes
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• Annual meetings
• 13 NRAs joined
• Recommendations FOR UNFPA
  • Improved communication and collaboration on condom testing results
  • Separation of the procurement function from the PQ function within UNFPA.
  • Increased NRAs participate in the WHO/UNFPA prequalification inspections.
Successes

- Inter-laboratory proficiency study under development – An AfroCondomNet initiative
- Sharing of information and intelligence among members
- Training on technical file assessment
Why UNFPA

Management of the UN Prequalification of condoms and IUDs
Harmonisation with other WHO PQ programmes
Challenges
Training of manufacturers

- Joint WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA meeting
  - One-to-one meetings with technical experts
  - Update on new developments
  - Presentation of specific topics
- Webinars
  - Stability Studies (Part 2)
  - STED
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