USFDA, varsities offer training to African drug regulatory authorities

By Guardian Reporter

THE United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) in partnership with the Kilimanjaro School of Pharmacy (KSP), Purdue University and Howard University have conducted the first training of its kind for African drug regulatory authorities.

The four-day drug registration training held recently in Moshi, Kilimanjaro was to enable regulators and pharmaceutical faculty to familiarise themselves with regulatory methods applied by the US FDA. A statement availed to this paper by the US embassy in Tanzania said the course will fuel further institutionalisation of drug regulatory science training into the curricula of schools of pharmacy and other academic institutions in Africa.

“If successful, then it will improve the availability and manufacture of safe and effective drug products for the African population,” it said.

The statement explained that the training also supported the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) objectives under the African Medicine Regulatory Harmonisation (AMRH) initiative to support trainings in academic institutions.

Speaking at the event, FDA Senior Regional Advisor for Sub-Saharan South African Office of International Programmes Dr Beverly Corey said the US FDA believes in the strength of partnerships and the value of collaboration.

During the official opening, Margareth Ndomondo-Sigonda, NEPAD Pharmaceutical Coordinator, commended the FDA for having invited NEPAD to participate in the training.

“This training provides a platform in learning and sharing the best practice in institutionalising regional training programmes in Africa that can be scaled up to other regional economic communities,” said Ndomondo-Sigonda.

The East African Community’s Dr Stanley Sonoiva thanked the US FDA, Purdue University and Howard University for partnering with KSP in conducting this training. He encouraged the participants to “go back to your respective countries and implement what you have learned with others who were not able to attend this course so as to build stringent regulatory authorities in the region.”

“The training came to Tanzania at an opportune time when the EAC is busy with the harmonisation of drug regulatory in the region,” he said.

Representing the Tanzanian Ministry for Health Dr Margaret Mhando Director for Curative Services pledged the support from KSP, the harmonisation initiative by NEPAD, and requested the FDA to participate and support the drug registration training on annual basis.
American People Sponsors Drug Registration Training at Kilimanjaro School of Pharmacy

The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in partnership with the Kilimanjaro School of Pharmacy (KSP), Purdue University and Howard University conducted the first of its kind training for African drug regulatory authorities with responsibility for drug application review and registration.

Funded by the FDA, the four-day drug registration training held recently in Moshi, Kilimanjaro is designed to enable regulators and pharmaceutical faculty to familiarize themselves with regulatory methods utilized by the U.S. FDA.

It is hoped that this course will help further institutionalization of drug regulatory science training into the curricula of schools of pharmacy and other academic institutions in Africa; thus furthering the availability and the manufacture of safe and effective drug products for the African population. This training also supports the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) objectives under the African Medicine Regulatory Harmonization (AMRH) initiative to support trainings at academic institutions.

Speaking at the event, FDA Senior Regional Advisor for Sub-Saharan South African Office of International Programs Dr. Beverly Corey said:

"The United States FDA believes in the strength of partnerships and the value of collaboration. Our partnership with the East African Community and KSP has proved rewarding. A total of 30 regulators and academics from 17 African countries are participating in this event."

During the official opening, Ms. Margareth Ndomondo-Sigonda, NEPAD Pharmaceutical Coordinator, commended the FDA for having invited NEPAD to participate in this training and stated, “this training provides a platform for learning and sharing the best practice in institutionalizing regional training programs in Africa that can be scaled up to other regional economic communities.”

The East African Community’s Dr. Stanley Sonoiya thanked the U.S. FDA, Purdue University and Howard University for their partnership with KSP in conducting this training.

He encouraged the participants to “go back to your respective countries and implement what you have learned with others who were not able to attend this course in order to build stringent regulatory authorities in the region.” He continued, “The training came to Tanzania at an opportune time when the EAC is busy with the harmonization of drug regulatory in the region.”

Source: US Embassy
Staff of African drug regulatory authorities undergo training

By The Citizen Reporter

Dar es Salaam. Four institutions have conducted training sessions for African drug regulatory authorities responsible for drug application reviews and registration.

This was made possible by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in partnership with the Kilimanjaro School of Pharmacy (KSP), Purdue University and Howard University.

The first of its kind training was funded by the FDA and held recently in Moshi, Kilimanjaro and took four days. The drug registration training would enable regulators and pharmaceutical faculties to familiarise themselves with regulatory methods used by the FDA in the US.

A statement issued by USAID yesterday said it is hoped that the course will help to further institutionalise drug regulatory science training into the curricula of schools of pharmacy and other academic institutions in Africa.

In this way it would help the availability and manufacture of safe and effective drugs for the African population, said the statement.

It added that the training also supports objectives of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) under the African Medicine Regulatory Harmonisation (AMRH) initiative to support training at academic institutions.

Speaking at the event, the FDA senior regional advisor for the Sub-Saharan African Office of International Programmes, Dr Beverly Covery, said: “The United States FDA believes in the strength of partnerships and value of collaboration. Our partnership with the East African Community (EAC) and KSP has proved rewarding. A total of 90 regulators and academics from 17 African countries are participating in this event.”

During the official opening, the NEPAD Pharmaceutical Coordinator, Ms Margareth Nkhando-Kaunda, commended the FDA for inviting NEPAD to participate in this training event.

“This training provides a platform for learning and sharing the best practices in institutionalising regional training programmes in Africa and can be scaled up to other regional economic communities.” From the EAC, Dr Stanley Sonko, thanked the US FDA, Purdue University and Howard University for partnering with KSP in conducting the training.

He encouraged participants to “go back to your respective countries and implement what you have learned with others who were not able to attend this course in order to build stronger regulatory authorities in the region.”

“The training came to Tanzania at an opportune time when the EAC is busy with harmonisation of drug regulations in the region.”

Representing the ministry of Health and Social Welfare, the director of curative services, Dr Margaret Mbanda, pledged support to KSP as well as the harmonisation initiative by NEPAD.

She requested the FDA to participate and support drug registration training annually.
School of pharmacy hosts key regional training

_Dar es Salaam._ The Kilimanjaro School of Pharmacy (KSP) has conducted a drug registration training aimed at stepping up efforts to institutionalise drug regulatory science training into the curricula of schools of pharmacy and other academic institutions in Africa.

Four institutions partnered for the four-day training sessions for African drug regulatory authorities responsible for drug application reviews and registration.

KSP partnered with the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Purdue University and Howard University for the training that was held recently in Moshi.

The first of its kind, the drug registration training would enable regulators and pharmaceutical faculties to familiarise themselves with regulatory methods used by the FDA in the US.

Speaking at the event, the FDA senior regional advisor for the Sub-Saharan African Office of International Programmes, Dr Beverly Corey, said: “The United States FDA believes in the strength of partnerships and value of collaboration. Our partnership with the East African Community (EAC) and KSP has proved rewarding.

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Moshi hosts training for African drug authorities

From ANORLW SWAI in Moshi

THE Kilimanjaro School of Pharmacy in Moshi was host to a maiden training for drug regulatory authorities in Africa and similar such programs will be conducted annually.

The training was conducted jointly by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in partnership with the Kilimanjaro School of Pharmacy (KSP), based at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center (KCMC), Purdue University and Howard University.

The programme was the first of its kind training for African drug regulatory authorities with responsibility for drug application review and registration.

The guest of honor, Dr Margaret Mhando, the Director of Curative Services from the Ministry of Health pledged support to KSP and requested the FDA to continue its participation and support drug registration training on an annual basis.

"I am encouraged to note that KSP and the School of Pharmacy at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) represent specialized training centers in Africa for the provision of relevant skills requirements of the pharmaceutical industry and national medicines regulatory authority experts," said Dr Mhando.

"I am also pleased to inform you that, Tanzania Food and Drug Authority (TFDA) and MUHAS’ school of pharmacy have started preliminary discussions to develop a joint training program towards institutionalization of medicines regulatory training programs in Africa in order to ensure sustainability of the envisaged achievements of this African Medicines Registration Harmonization Initiative," she said.

"I have been informed that this is also in line with the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) role in facilitating establishment of regional centers of medicines regulatory excellence in each of Africa’s main sub-regions such as the East African Community,” she added.

Funded by the FDA, the training is designed to enable regulators and pharmaceutical faculties to familiarize themselves with regulatory methods utilized by the US government.

"It is hoped that this course will help further institutionalization of drug regulatory science training into the curricula of schools of pharmacy and other academic institutions in Africa, thus furthering the availability and manufacture of safe and effective drugs for Africans," said KSP principal, Mr Wilson Mlaki.

He pointed out that the training also supports NEPAD’s objectives under the African Medicine Regulatory Harmonization (AMRH) initiative to support training at academic institutions.

Speaking at the event, FDA Senior Regional advisor for Sub-Saharan Africa Office of International Programs Dr Beverly Corey said that the US-FDA believes in the strength of partnerships and the value of collaboration.

"Our partnership with KSP has proved rewarding. A total of 30 regulators and academics from 17 African countries are participating in this event," added Dr Corey.

During the official opening, Ms Margareth Ndomondo-Sigonda, NEPAD Pharmaceutical Coordinator, commended US-FDA for having invited NEPAD to participate in this training.

"This training provides a platform for learning and sharing the best practice in institutionalizing regional training programs in Africa that can be scaled up to other regional economic communities," she said.

A representative from the East African Community (EAC), Dr Stanley Sonoiya thanked US-FDA, Purdue University and Howard University for their partnership with KSP in conducting this training.

Dr Sonoiya urged the participants to go back to their respective countries and implement and share what they have learned with others who were not able to attend the course in order to build stringent regulatory authorities in the region.

He added that the training came to Tanzania at an opportune time when EAC is busy working with the harmonization of drug regulations in the region.