

Advancing Medicines Quality Assurance Systems in LMICs: Celebrating 10 Years of PQM Program Achievements

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Reflection and Closing Remarks

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- We learned that individual technologies do not work alone; skill-building is critical, and both technologies and skills need to work together.
- Things do not always need to work in perfect harmony, and peer pressure can be positive.
- Nigeria has a taste of what meeting international standards means, and they are not giving that up.
- Regulators can also put pressure on industry.
- Industry and regulators cannot move too far apart. They need to work together. One can create positive pressure for the other, and this goes both ways.
- Workforce training, whether in the regulatory system or in industry, cannot be for a single product.
- Training of people is embedded in the sense of sustainability. Regulatory staff may leave, but they often leave to work in a pharmaceutical company. This is also a form of sustainability. While this may look like a challenge on one hand, it also creates an opportunity.
- Two quotes:
 - We have created a generation of quality assurance professionals who will serve their communities into the future. (Kelly Saldaña, Director, USAID Office of Health Systems)
 - If one country's regulatory system is weak, then we are all weak. (Mojisola Adeyeye, Director General, Nigeria National Agency for Good and Drug Administration Control)
- Medicines do not recognize borders; this is positive and negative.
- Moving as a group is important. It is hard work. Harmonization is central; otherwise, progress will fall back.
- USP has reached improved collaboration with WHO. The discussion of what the future looks like is very exciting.