

The African Vaccine Regulatory Forum



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Striving for Excellence in Clinical Trial Oversight

AVAREF's network connects regulators and ethics committees from 55 member states in Africa - committing to building technical, institutional, and professional capacity through collaborative broad partnerships and harmonization

Since being founded in 2006, AVAREF has striven to improve the timelines for regulatory evaluations...

- 2006** AVAREF founded by WHO with the aim of ensuring timely regulatory evaluations of Clinical Trial Applications (CTAs) for accelerated R&D.
First joint-review of Phase III malaria vaccine CTA
- 2007-14** Annual meetings of member states to review vaccines
- 2014-15** Joint reviews to expedite CTAs for Ebola interventions
- 2016** Expansion of scope to cover all medical products, rather than just vaccines
- 2020** Emergency joint reviews introduced for COVID-19 interventions aiming to reduce timeline to 10-15 days

...To expedite access to treatment & prevention of major illnesses in Africa

Examples of illnesses tackled by AVAREF:

- Ebola
- Meningitis
- COVID-19
- Malaria
- Rotavirus
- Tuberculosis
- Pneumococcal pneumonia

AVAREF offers a one-stop end-to-end process for Clinical Trial Application (CTA) review and helps improve the regulatory landscape in Africa



Joint reviews

collectively involve regulators from multiple countries and speed up the CTA review process



Harmonisation

standardises regulatory processes to enhance efficiency and improve transparency



Collaboration

between ethics committees and regulators of member states builds strong partnerships



Support

to member states by building institutional and technical capacity to meet demand in Africa

AVAREF's extensive experience provides industry with the following support opportunities:

- 1** Scientific advice tailored to specific platforms, vaccines, and medical products
- 2** Orchestration of meetings (i.e. pre-submission and joint-review meetings) including the sponsor and regulators & ethics committees from each country
- 3** Alignment of deadlines and support to countries to achieve shorter review timelines in case of emergency

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