



RWANDA REGULATORY AUTHORITY BENCHMARK GHANA FDA IN REGULATION

The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) is hosting a delegation of two (2) from the Rwanda Food and Drugs Authority (RWANDA FDA) from the 3rd to 7th of June 2019, as part of efforts aimed at strengthening their regulatory practices.

As a Regulator, the Rwanda FDA is a young Regulator established in February 2018. And with the FDA Ghana's rich experience and expertise as a Regulator for the past Twenty One (21) yrs, and being ISO 9001:2015 certified, the Rwanda FDA thought it expedient to come and understudy the regulation practices of the FDA Ghana.

The scope of their benchmarking would cover the FDA's Regulatory processes with emphasis on registration, market surveillance, Inspections, licensing, vigilance, clinical trial oversight and Laboratory testing functions as the FDA Ghana's Laboratory is ISO/IEC17025:2017 and WHO -GPPQCL/Good Practices for Pharmaceutical Quality Control Laboratory certified. The team also aims at leveraging on the best practices in regulation for which FDA Ghana has distinguished itself in Africa.

The benchmark will be conducted in two groups. The first group is made up of the Director General of the Rwanda FDA, Dr. Charles Karangwa, who is also the Head of delegation and the Divisional Manager of Quality Control (Quality Control Manager) of the Rwanda FDA.

The team also had the opportunity to understand the legal framework underpinning the FDA's activities and how it manages its human resource to achieve its objectives

In his opening remarks, the Head of delegation of the Rwandan team, Dr. Charles Karangwa, expressed their profound gratitude to the FDA for hosting them. He also said they were highly impressed with the FDA's regulatory frame work on the whole. And was very much aware of FDA's excellence in Regulation. He also mentioned the commendation given the FDA by the World Health Organization (WHO) in its 2019 benchmarking report for much strength: the global benchmarking tool of the WHO that is meant to bring out the existing competencies and gaps that addresses gaps needed

to be addressed to make a national medicine authority effective in its regulatory functions.

The CEO of FDA, Mrs. Delese A. A Darko, on her part pledged FDA's technical support to the Rwanda FDA in respect of Regulation and any other area they would need the FDA's assistance. Mrs. Darko also said the FDA is honoured that it was chosen amongst other regulatory agencies within the sub-region as their benchmark.

The CEO further reiterated the doors of the FDA are always open for future collaboration.

The FDA in the past years, has hosted several regulatory authorities including regulators from Sierra Leone, Liberia, Gambia, Ethiopia, Kenya and Cote D'ivoire and is looking to hosting many more of such collaboration with other Regulatory Agencies within the sub-region and internationally.