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Pharmaceutical Regulatory Affairs in the Middle East

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Covering Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, UAE and Yemen



Format:
Live online



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12 hours for your records



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Course overview

This course will equip participants with practical understanding and essential insights into the latest regulatory requirements and developments specific to individual countries within the Middle East.

It will also explore regional initiatives aligned with global trends, including Common Technical Documents (CTD), and electronic Common Technical Documents (eCTD) submissions, and regional harmonisation efforts.

With a strong emphasis on real-world application, this course aims to provide valuable knowledge for navigating the evolving regulatory landscape in one of the world's most dynamic pharmaceutical markets.

Benefits of attending

- **Gain** an overview of the regulatory environment in the Middle East
- **Understand** the economic and cultural background to the markets
- **Obtain** insights regarding procedures for company and product registration
- **Receive** information about Dossier format in each country (CTD, eCTD or other)
- **Examine** harmonisation and recent developments in the region

Who should attend

This seminar will be of particular interest to:

- Personnel involved in pharmaceutical regulatory affairs in the Middle East
- Anyone new to the region e.g. Regulatory Affairs, Pharmacovigilance, Market Access and Business Development leads
- All those interested in an update on recent developments

Programme

Day 1

Introduction to Regulatory Affairs in the Middle East

General overview on the following topics:

- Markets and culture
- Healthcare
- Business culture
- Regulatory environment and characteristics
- General regulatory requirements
- Company and product registration
- Variations and renewals
- Pharmacovigilance
- Regulatory summary

Economic overview of the Middle East

- Population and GDP per capita
- Unemployment rate
- GDP real growth rate
- Inflation rate
- Healthcare spend per capita

Harmonisation and recent developments

- Centralised registration in the Gulf
 - Gulf Central Committee for Drug Registration (GCC-DR)
 - SGH Tender
- Middle East Regulatory Conference (MERC)
- MERC follow-up activities
- Industry regulatory groups and activities
- Local trade associations

The pharmaceutical regulatory environment in the Middle East and North Africa – with individual presentations on:

Saudi Arabia

Bahrain

Qatar

Oman

Kuwait

Yemen

UAE

Day 2

Egypt

Sudan

Libya

Syria

Lebanon

Jordan

Iran

Iraq

Palestine

Israel

Local trade associations

MERC

Presenters



Ilona Putz

Ilona Putz is the founder and General Manager of PULONA Emerging Markets based in the UAE since 2008. Her company is dedicated to creating and developing tailor-made business concepts including regulatory consultancy for international manufacturers in the healthcare sector across the Middle East. Ilona has worked in the Pharmaceutical Industry since 1988 for companies like MSD, SmithKline Beecham, Karl Engelhard, HEXAL and Sandoz where she was the Regional Head, Middle East, for Sandoz International, Germany, responsible for all commercial and business development activities. She also consults for RegAff, Emergo and Dr. Regenold GmbH for the Middle East. Ilona spoke during the DIA Europe Meeting on “Clinical Trials in the Middle East” and at the Global Pharmaceutical Regulatory Affairs Summit 2021 and 2022. Moreover, Ilona published articles in the Journal of Medical Device Regulations on the regulatory overview for Medical Devices in Egypt, Kuwait and the UAE.



Heba Hashem

Heba has been working with Regulatory Affairs in the Middle East for more than 25 years. She has a Pharmaceutical and Business background being a graduate of the Faculty of Pharmacy (Cairo University), RAC certified in addition to an MBA at Maastricht School of Business. For the past 20 years Heba held the position of Middle East & Africa Regulatory and Quality Head at different Pharmaceutical and Medical Device companies; Gambro, Bayer and Novo Nordisk.

Heba is now the Middle East and Africa Associate Director at PPD where she is providing regulatory consulting services and training to Health Care companies.

Course date

20-21 October 2026

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09:00-17:00 **UK (London)** (UTC+01)

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Reviews



Great. I particularly liked the global information [section] and it was up to date information so I thought it was really complete.



Maya El Fayoumi
Chargée Affaires Réglementaires
Panpharma Ltd
Jun 23 2025



The speakers were excellent! The content and presentation were satisfactory as well. I accomplished what I was hoping to achieve.



Marija Apostolova
Submission Coordinator - CIS region
ALKALOID AD Skopje
Dec 9 2024



Comprehensive coverage, expert presenters, and high-quality organization.



Rima Baqain
Regulatory Affairs Executive
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Jun 26 2024



Thumbs up. Very information and detailed. Would recommend to colleagues and friends working in the area.



Rukhsana Sofia
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Jun 26 2024

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