



**Global Harmonization Working Party**

Towards Medical Device Harmonization

## **AHWP/GHWP**

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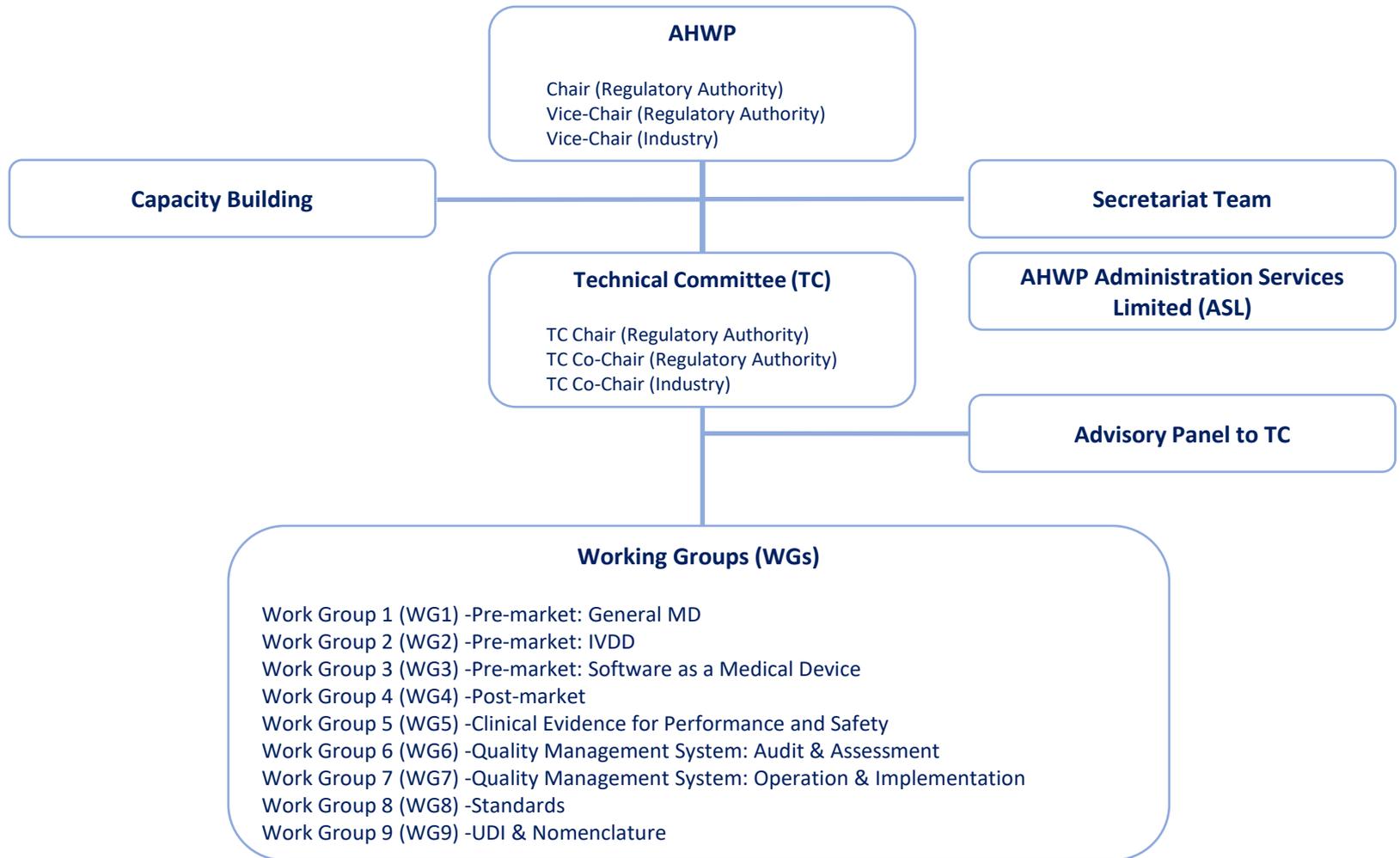
# AHWP/GHWP Updates

## AHWP/GHWP

- Established as a **non-profit** organization **formed in 1996-97**
- Its goals are to study and recommend ways to **harmonize medical device regulations** for establishing harmonized requirements, procedures and standards
- The Working Party is a **group of experts from the medical device regulatory authorities** and the medical device **industry**



# AHWP/GHWP Organization Structure





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# AHWP/GHWP Members from 31 Countries / Regions

Brunei Darussalam	Kazakhstan	Pakistan	Sultanate of Oman
Cambodia	Kingdom of Bahrain	People's Republic of China	Tanzania
Chile	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Philippines	Thailand
Chinese Taipei	Kyrgyz Republic	Republic of Kenya	United Arab Emirates
Hong Kong SAR, China	Laos PDR	Republic of Korea	Vietnam
India	Malaysia	Singapore	Yemen
Indonesia	Mongolia	South Africa	Zimbabwe
Jordan	Myanmar	State of Kuwait	

*(as of Mar 2021)*

## Goal 1

To develop and recommend approaches for the convergence and harmonization of medical device regulations in Asia and other continents.

## Goal 2

To facilitate the exchange of knowledge and expertise amongst regulators and the industry for the establishment of harmonized requirements.



## Goal 3

To promote capacity building in member economies and to foster strategic membership expansion.

## Goal 4

To work in collaboration with related international organizations such as International Medical Device Regulators Forum (IMDRF), WHO, ISO, IEC.



# AHWP/GHWP Office Bearers (Term 2018-2020)

[ Term of Office Bearers extended until next election in physical annual meeting, targeting 2022]

## AHWP Main Committee

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Mr. Ali M. AL-DALAAAN</b> Vice Executive President, Medical Device Sector, Saudi Food and Drug Authority, <b>Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</b>
<b>Vice Chair (Regulatory Authority)</b>	<b>Mr. GAO Guobiao</b> Party Secretary, Center for Medical Device Evaluation, National Medical Products Administration, <b>People's Republic of China</b>
<b>Vice Chair (Industry)</b>	<b>Ms. Quan TRAN</b> Head of Regulatory & Government Affairs and Quality Assurance Asia Pacific, Invisalign Singapore Pte Ltd., <b>Singapore</b>

## AHWP Technical Committee

<b>Acting Chair (until next election)</b>	<b>Ms. Salbiah YAAKOP</b> Acting Director, Policy, Codes and Standards Division, Medical Device Authority, Ministry of Health <b>Malaysia</b>
<b>Co-Chair (Regulatory Authority)</b>	<b>Dr. Jeong-Rim LEE</b> Director, Cardiovascular Devices Division, Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS), <b>Republic of Korea</b>
<b>Co-Chair (Industry)</b>	<b>Mr. Alfred KWEK</b> Director, Public Affairs, Edwards Lifesciences Asia Pte. Ltd., <b>Lao PDR</b>

- Annual Meeting 2020 deferred, due to COVID-19 pandemic
- **Upcoming AHWP/GHWP 25th Annual Meeting** will be held **Online in two half-days in 2021**, virtually hosted by SFDA:

Day One : 30th Nov 2021 (TUE)

Day Two : 1st Dec 2021 (WED)

Time : 1200 to 1530 (KSA Time)



- Please pre-registrate to our online Annual Meeting via our official website: [www.ahwp.info/www.ghwp.info](http://www.ahwp.info/www.ghwp.info)

- Face-to-Face Annual Meeting with Elections to be held in 2022 in China, to be hosted by NMPA

## 国家药品监督管理局

National Medical Products Administration

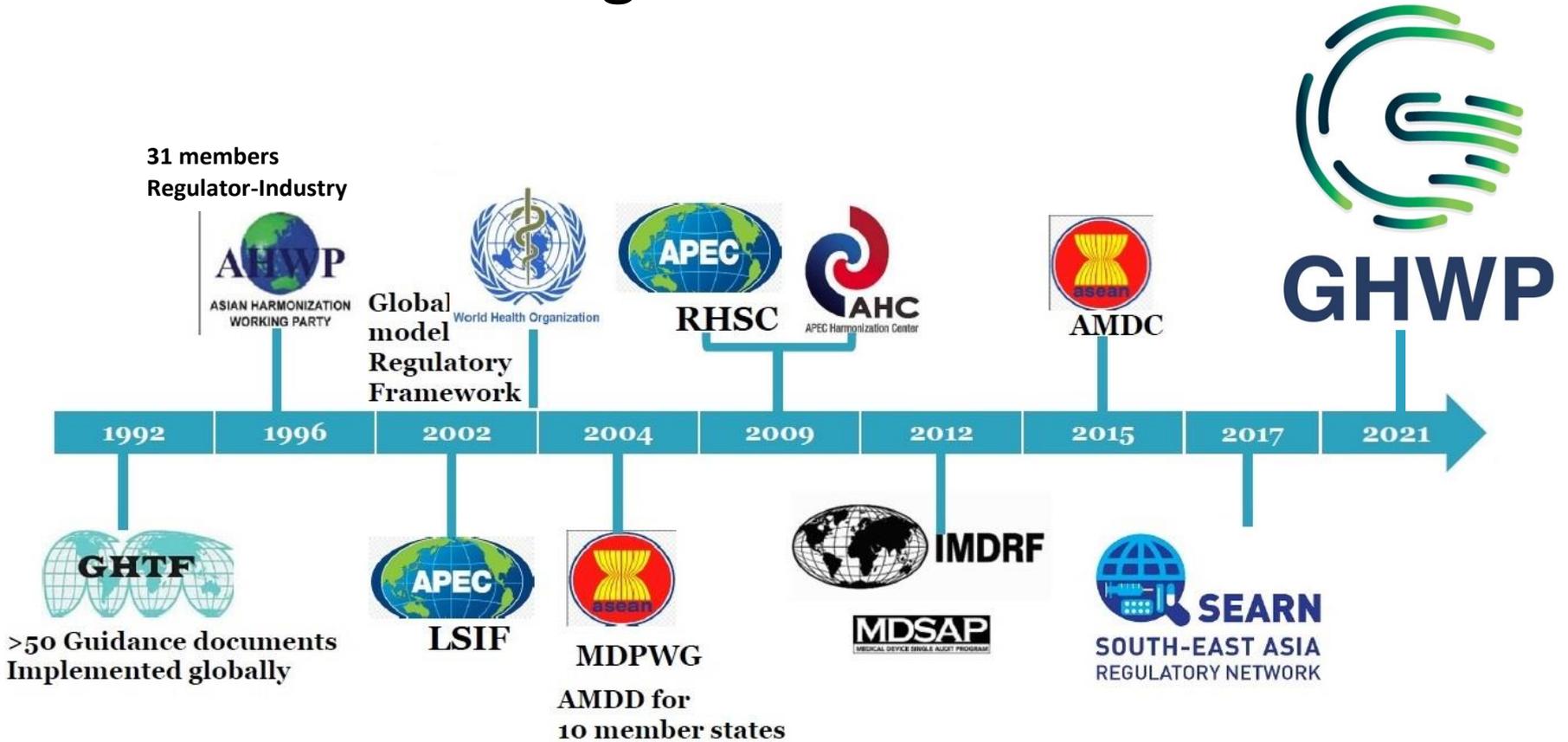
- More details will soon be available on official web of AHWP/GHWP [www.ahwp.info](http://www.ahwp.info)/[www.ghwp.info](http://www.ghwp.info)





# **AHWP Rebranding into GHWP** ***- in the Journey to Regulatory Harmonization***

# AHWP Rebranding into GHWP



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# New Name, Logo and Website



[ghwp.info](http://ghwp.info)

# Rationales of the Change

- Better reflect the vision and representation of the Working Party with members from **Asia, Africa, Middle East** and **South America**
- Open up membership to medical device regulatory authorities and industries **worldwide**
- Extend efforts in medical device regulatory harmonization **from the original focus in Asia into a global prospective**

# Meanings of the New Name and New Logo

## Global Harmonization Working Party (GHWP)

- **“Global”:**

Global collaboration in medical devices regulation

- **“Harmonization Working Party”:**

Continuity of work and commitment on the convergence of medical device regulations



Harmonization and Convergence  
in Medical Devices Regulation

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Step forward to Global  
Collaboration in Medical  
Devices regulation

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The Impact of the organization

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# Meanings of the New Logo



# Timeline for the Change of Name into GHWP

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

PRESS RELEASE "Pre-announcement on AHWP Change of Name to GHWP" issued and web-posted

**Next Physical Annual Meeting**

(target 2022, subject to further web-announcement)  
New name & logo to be formally announced and endorsed

**29<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

OPEN LETTER "AHWP transformation into GHWP with Unchanged Position on Regulatory Authorities-Industry-Partnership" issued and web-posted

- More information also available at [ahwp.info](http://ahwp.info) / [ghwp.info](http://ghwp.info)

# List of Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) of AHWP Member Country/Region



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WORKING TOWARDS MEDICAL DEVICE HARMONIZATION IN ASIA

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## List of Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) of AHWP Member Country/Region

Submitted by admin on Thu, 04/09/2020 - 05:45

Members	EUA Information
Chinese Taipei	List of COVID-19 related EUA on Manufacturing/Import of Medical Device <a href="http://www.fda.gov.tw/ENG/site.aspx?sid=11194">http://www.fda.gov.tw/ENG/site.aspx?sid=11194</a>
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	List of SFDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) and Medical Devices Marketing Authorization for COVID-19 IVD Test Kits <a href="https://www.sfda.gov.sa/en/medicaldevices/Authorized/Documents/EAUdevices.pdf">https://www.sfda.gov.sa/en/medicaldevices/Authorized/Documents/EAUdevices.pdf</a>  Saudi FDA Regulatory requirements for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for IVDD and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during the outbreak of COVID-19 <a href="https://www.sfda.gov.sa/en/medicaldevices/regulations/Documents/SFDA-Efforts-COVID19.pdf">https://www.sfda.gov.sa/en/medicaldevices/regulations/Documents/SFDA-Efforts-COVID19.pdf</a>  New Update <a href="https://www.sfda.gov.sa/en/medicaldevices/regulations/Documents/SFDA-International-EffortsEN.pdf">https://www.sfda.gov.sa/en/medicaldevices/regulations/Documents/SFDA-International-EffortsEN.pdf</a>
People's Republic of China	1. NMPA gives emergency approvals to COVID-19 test kits <a href="http://english.nmpa.gov.cn/2020-03/27/c_465663.htm?from=singlemessage&amp;isappinstalled=0">http://english.nmpa.gov.cn/2020-03/27/c_465663.htm?from=singlemessage&amp;isappinstalled=0</a>  2. Regulatory Requirements and Standards for Coronavirus Reagent Test Kits and Protective Equipment in China <a href="http://english.nmpa.gov.cn/2020-03/30/c_467202.htm">http://english.nmpa.gov.cn/2020-03/30/c_467202.htm</a>
Republic of Korea	List of COVID-19 Diagnostic Kits Authorized for Use under Emergency Use Authorizations <a href="https://www.mfds.go.kr/eng/brd/m_52/view.do?seq=74424&amp;srchFr=&amp;srchTo=&amp;srchWord=&amp;srchTp=&amp;itm_seq_1=0&amp;itm_seq_2=0&amp;multi_itm_seq=0&amp;company_cd=&amp;company_nm=&amp;page=1">https://www.mfds.go.kr/eng/brd/m_52/view.do?seq=74424&amp;srchFr=&amp;srchTo=&amp;srchWord=&amp;srchTp=&amp;itm_seq_1=0&amp;itm_seq_2=0&amp;multi_itm_seq=0&amp;company_cd=&amp;company_nm=&amp;page=1</a>
Singapore	Guidance on expedited approval of COVID-19 Diagnostic Tests - Provisional Authorisation  HSA's Regulatory Position on Respiratory Devices: Supply for Management of COVID-19 patients  Guidance on 3D Printing of Essential Medical Devices and Accessories for Use in COVID-19 Situation

[www.ahwp.info](http://www.ahwp.info)

# Workshop on Capacity Building For Regulatory Authorities in AHWP/GHWP by end Sep 2021

- To collect inputs on Phase II whitepaper and curriculum on Capacity Building
- To formulate Phase II curriculum for regulatory authority
- In partnership with APACMed & supported by Company Sponsors



# Workshop on Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by Oct 2021 (tentatively)

**EUA APPROVED**

- To share EUA experience by members of AHWP/GHWP
- To discuss key EUA elements with contributions from both Regulatory Authorities and Industries
- Sharing of new EUA guidance by WG1 & WG2 on MDD and IVDD Pre-market requirements



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# AHWP/GHWP TC and WG Plans

## AHWP/GHWP TC Strategic Plan

### Collaborating Activities

- Harmonization in key areas based on IMDRF Principles and AHWP/GHWP Guidance

### Working Group Tasks

- Development of AHWP/GHWP Guidance
- Pre- and post-market control, UDI
- QMS, Clinical evidence, Standards

### Capacity Building Projects

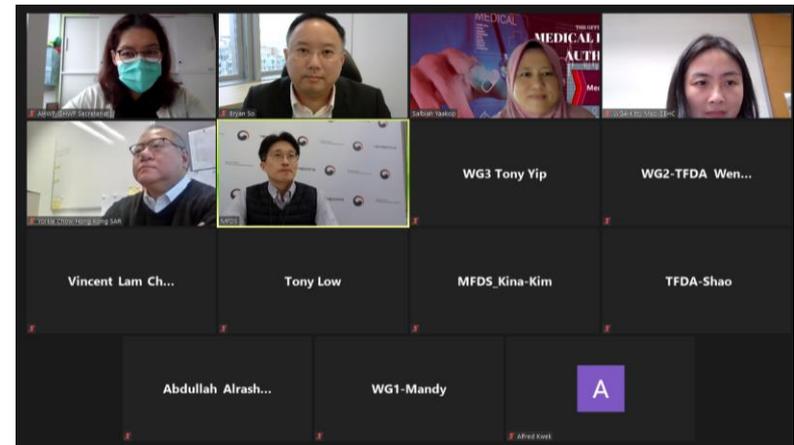
- In-country trainings
- Implementation of Guidance
- Regulatory Competency Handbook

WG	Work Plan	Timeline
Joint Work by WG 1, 2 & 3	New guidance on artificial intelligence	Ongoing
	Change management for medical device registration guideline	Ongoing
	E labeling/e IFU guideline	Ongoing
	Emergency Regulatory Mechanism for Medical Devices including In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices and Software as Medical Devices during a Public Health Crisis	Q4, 2022
WG1	(Joint Work) Document development of Artificial Intelligence	Ongoing
	(Joint Work-lead) Revise guidance document 'Principles of Regulatory Requirements for Electronic Instructions for Use (eIFU):2019'	TBD (2021~2022)
	(Joint Work-lead) Develop the training module/document to guide change management per significance	TBD (2021~2022)
WG2	(Joint Work-lead) Emergency Regulatory Mechanism for Medical Devices including In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices and Software as Medical Devices during a Public Health Crisis	Q4, 2022
	Replacement Reagent and Instrument Family Policy	Q4, 2021
	Clinical Evidence for IVD Medical Devices-Clinical Performance Studies for In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices	Q3, 2020
	Contribution to IMDRF Document Titled Principles of In Vitro Diagnostic (IVD) Medical Devices Classification	2018-2020
	Continually work with IMDRF document updates on GHTF/SG5/N6:2012, GHTF/SG5/N7:2012 and GHTF/SG5/N8:2012	Ongoing
	Contribution to WHO Technical Specification Documents	Ongoing
WG3 (To be updated)	White paper on pre market initial submission format for SaMD	Q2, 2021
	White paper on cybersecurity for SaMD	Q2, 2021
	Guidance document on Cyber Security for SaMD	Q4, 2021
	Guidance document for premarket submission format for SaMD (draft)	Q4, 2021
WG4	Updating the Post-market Resource Centre	Ongoing
	Gap analysis on the implementation of AHWP guidance among AHWP members	Q4, 2021
	Participation in the development works of ISO TC210/ WG6	Ongoing
	Report on post-market support in relation to COVID 19	Q4, 2021
	Study on post-market trend in medical devices with AL and cybersecurity	Q4, 2021
WG5 (To be updated)	Annual review SWOT analysis of WG5 framework	Q4, 2018
	Guidance document on general principles of clinical investigation audit & inspection for medical devices	Q4, 2018
	Training: WG5 & AHWP members	Q4, 2018
	Survey: country regulations/guidelines and implementation	Q4, 2019

WG	Work Plan	Timeline
WG6 (To be updated)	There are 3 guides on progress and endorsement expected during the Annual meeting 2021:	
	1) A guide to understanding best practices in audit life cycle management.	
	2) A guide to understanding presently available audit duration determination systems.	
	3) A guidance for NB auditing suppliers to medical device manufacturers.	
	Co-Chair Vincent will conduct online training session on remote audit technique.	4 Feb, 2020
WG7 (To be updated)	Comparison study of new ISO13485 vs QMS requirements in each country	Q3, 2021
	QMS consideration for manufacturers and importers for localization	Q4, 2021
WG8	Document on Code of practice for good engineering maintenance management of medical devices: endorsed, to be proposed to ISO /TC210 for development as ISO standard.	
	<u>Current status:</u> New Proposal (NP 5137) on COP Good maintenance management of active medical devices has been approved and registered as new ISO project on 29 July 2020. A new WG, ISO/TC 210 WG 7 has been established on 17 Sept 2020 and Ms Salbiah Yaakop was appointed as Convenor. Member countries are encouraged to participate in the works of WG 7 through registration by their National Standards Body	Q3, 2023
	Collecting a list of standards used for medical device regulatory purposes that are recognized by AHWP member countries -The secretariat is requested to put up the list of compiled standards in the AHWP/GHWP website for members' reference. - Member countries representatives are requested to maintain the list to ensure the lists are up to date.	Ongoing
	Continue working relationship with ISO Tc210, etc - WG8/AHWP TC Chair will be participating in the next ISO/TC 210 meetings in May 2021 and Nov 2021.	Ongoing
	Adoption of ISO 16142-2:2017 and ISO 16142-1:2016, to harmonize list of standards in demonstrating compliance with EPSP where member countries could recognize the same standards during IVD medical device evaluation by NB/CAB and regulators	
	Proposal on development of guidance on regulatory control of medical gas - preparation of 1st draft by WG8 Chair, will be deliberated in the next WG8 meetings planned in April and June 2021.	Q4 2021
	Proposal on development of guidance on the guideline of process validation activity adaptation of International Society for Pharmaceutical Engineering (ISPE) document) for the propose of medical device validation. - preparation of 1st draft by WG8 Co-Chair - will be deliberated in WG8 meetings in June and Oct 2021.	Q4 2021
WG9	AHWP UDI report	On-going
	AHWP UDI Webinar	Week of July 19
	AHWP UDI rule White Paper, target endorsement at 2020 annual meeting	Q4, 2020

## TC-Work Groups Chairs/Co-Chairs Progress Meetings

- Virtual Meeting of TC WG Chairs and Co-Chairs
  - Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020
  - Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2021
  - Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> Jun 2021
- Chairs and Co-Chairs of WGs discussed on:
  - Overall objectives of TC and WGs
  - WGs representation on their respective focus of regulatory convergence
  - WGs work plans, new guidance documents and progress updates
  - WG membership updates



# Key Events

- Annual Meeting
- TC Leaders Meeting
- TC Workgroup Meeting
- Secretariat Meeting
- Capacity Building Program





# AHWP/GHWP Capacity Building Journey

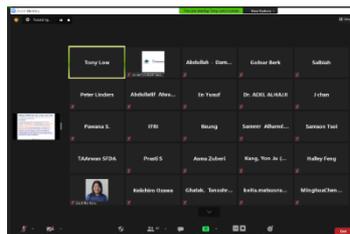
# AHWP/GHWP Capacity Building Program 2015 and Beyond



# AHWP/GHWP Capacity Building Trainings



Awareness Training on Remote Auditing



WG Training on Process Validation

UDI Regulation and Implementation Seminar

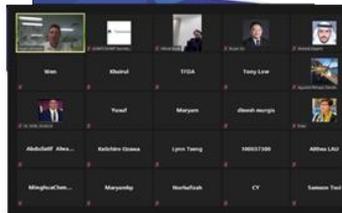


Oman Virtual Training

Webinar on IAF CertSearch

Medical Device Regulation in Australia – 2021 and Beyond

Capacity Building Workshop Training Curriculum for Regulatory



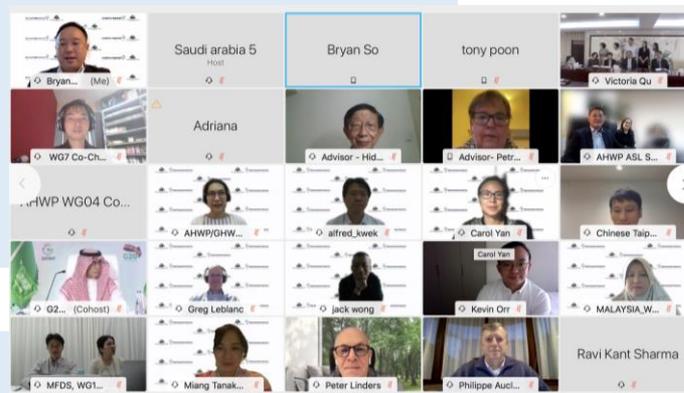
# Recent Activities

- Capacity Building
  - Oman Virtual Training
  - Awareness Training on Remote Auditing
  - Webinar on IAF CertSearch
  - Work Group Training on Process Validation
  - Medical Device Regulation in Australia – 2021 and Beyond
  - UDI regulation and implementation seminar
- TC WG Chairs Meetings
- Secretariat Meetings
- OC Meetings for Annual Meeting

# Meetings and Capacity Building go Online during COVID-19

## 2020

- TC Leaders Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> Mar
- TC Leaders Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> May
- Secretariat Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> Jun
- TC WGs Progress Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> Jul
- Secretariat Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> Aug
- TC Leaders Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Capacity Building 30<sup>th</sup> Nov - 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec
- Webinar on White Paper 30<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Secretariat Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Dec
- TC WGs Progress Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> Dec



## 2021

- Secretariat Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, 15<sup>th</sup> Mar, 27<sup>th</sup> Apr and 29<sup>th</sup> Jun
- TC WGs Progress Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb and 21<sup>st</sup> Jun
- Capacity Building Training 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar, 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr and 29<sup>th</sup> Jun

# AHWP History since 1996

- achieving its visions towards harmonization and convergence
- with inclusive partnership of Regulators and Industry



## AHWP History

### TC meeting

1<sup>st</sup> 2001 Sept Kualarunpur Malaysia  
2<sup>nd</sup> 2002 Dec Bangkok Thailand  
3<sup>rd</sup> 2004 April Taipei Chinese Taipei  
4<sup>th</sup> 2005 Nov Genting, Malaysia  
5<sup>th</sup> 2006 Sept Seoul, Korea  
6<sup>th</sup> 2007 April Hong Kong China  
7<sup>th</sup> 2007 Oct Chengdu, China  
8<sup>th</sup> 2008 Nov New Delhi, India  
9<sup>th</sup> 2009 Nov Hong Kong China  
10<sup>th</sup> 2010 May Singapore  
11<sup>th</sup> 2010 Sept Taiwan

### Chair

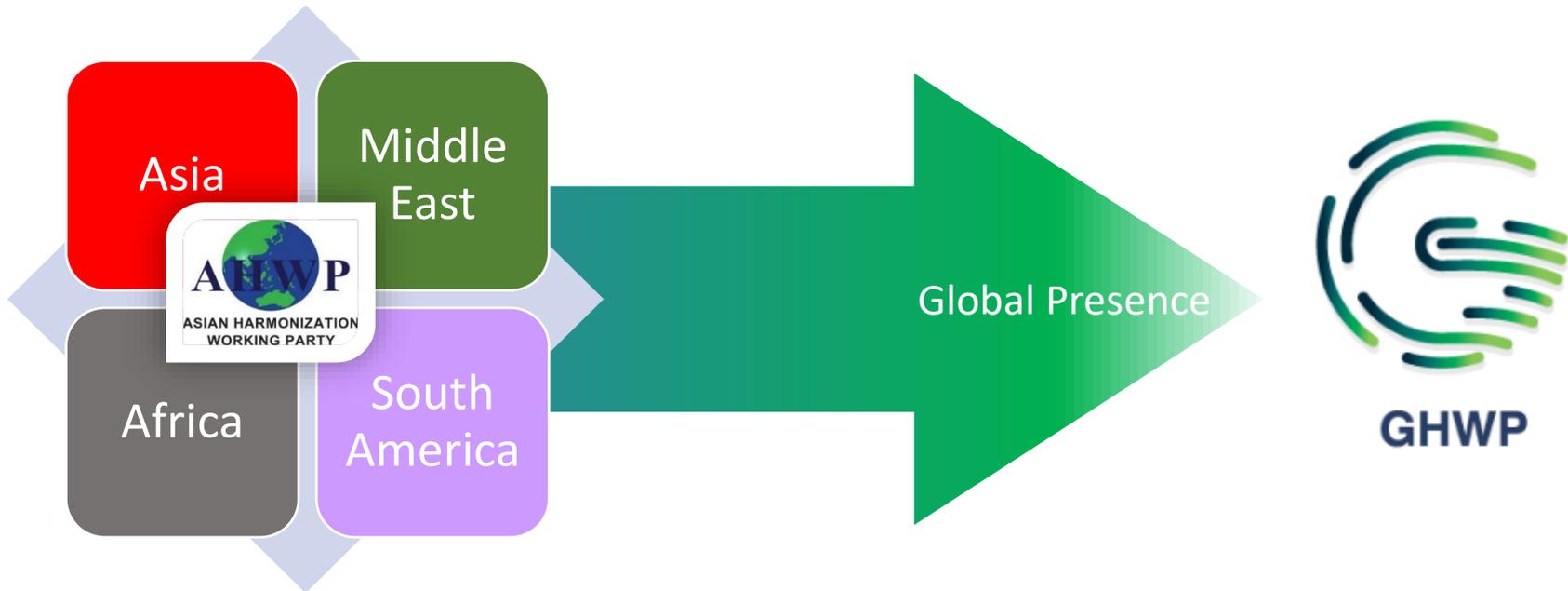
1999-2005 Dr C.Tan  
2005 -2008 Dr Pillay  
2009- 2012 Dr Wang Boating

### General Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> 1996 -1997  
4<sup>th</sup> 1998 Sydney Australia  
5<sup>th</sup> 1999 June Bethesda, Maryland USA  
6<sup>th</sup> 2000 Sept Ottawa Canada  
7<sup>th</sup> 2000 Mar Singapore  
8<sup>th</sup> 2001 Sept Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
9<sup>th</sup> 2002 May Singapore  
10<sup>th</sup> 2005 Nov Genting, Malaysia  
11<sup>th</sup> 2006 Sept Seoul, Korea  
12<sup>th</sup> 2007 Oct Chengdu, China  
13<sup>th</sup> 2008 Nov New Delhi, India  
14<sup>th</sup> 2009 Nov Hong Kong  
15<sup>th</sup> 2010 Nov Saudi Arabia

# From Asia Focus to Global Presence

- transforming from Asia Focus initiatives to Global Presence of 31 members
- re-banding into Global Harmonization Working Party (GHWP)
- unchanged inclusive partnership of Regulators and Industry



# Strong Collaborations with International Org

- strong collaborations with international organizations such as WHO, IMDRF, ISO ,APEC and OECD and global and regional liaison members of DITTA, APACMed and GS1



AHWP/GHWP actively participated in the global initiatives in medical device convergence, with recent activities included:

- AHWP/GHWP was invited to nominate experts for joining the new Joint Advisory Group 5 (JAG5) under the leadership of IEC TC 62 and ISO/TC 210
- AHWP/GHWP has also participated in the IEC TC62 under Category A Liaison



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- Stay tuned for new activities and updates
- Check out our guidance documents and give us comments
- Welcome your joining to AHWP/GHWP

# Thank You !!

