

## Inter-state Regulators Forum

# Promoting a discourse on Business Responsibility in Pharmaceutical & Private Healthcare

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2013- Goa**

**Organised by: CUTS International**

## **DRAFT AGENDA**

### **Day I**

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**0930 to 1000hrs: REGISTRATION**

**1000 to 1030hrs: Inaugural Session**

- Jagdish Prasad, Director General of Health Services, GoI
- Renu Parmar, Adviser, Planning Commission of India
- Manoj Kumar, MCA, GoI\*
- CUTS International

**1030 to 1230hrs: Session I: Regulating the Pharmaceutical Sector-Current Scenario and Main Challenges**

**Context:** One of the key factors having direct influence on business practices being adopted by the pharmaceutical firms is the overall nature of the regulatory framework and its implementation process in states. One of the main findings of the BRCC project has been that the level of confidence that exists within the industry on various types of regulation (public regulation, co-regulation and self-regulation) in controlling environmental impact of firms and monitoring their marketing and distribution strategies, could play a decisive role towards promoting responsible business conduct in the sector at the state level.

***Issues for discussion:***

- a. State level good practices in application of regulation pertaining to pharmaceutical sector
- b. Challenges and opportunities in application of regulation
- c. Interface between state level & national level regulatory regimes
- d. Applicability of uniform code of pharmaceutical marketing practices (UCPMP) in terms of ensuring responsible conduct from the part of pharmaceutical sector
- e. Cooperation among (co) state-regulators

**Chair/Moderator:** S L Rao (10 minutes)

- **Submission by State Pollution Control Boards**
  - *Kuldeep Singh Pathania, Chairman, HP PCB*
  - *N P Shukla, Chairman, MP PCB*
  - Maharashtra Pollution Control Board\*
  
- **Submission by State Drug Control Authority**
  - *B L Meena, Director General, AP Drug Control Authority*
  - *B R Jagashetty , Karnataka Drug Control Authority*
  - *Rajasthan Drug Control Authority*
  
- Floor Discussion: (40 minutes)

**1230 to 1330hrs:      Networking Lunch**

**1330 to 1530hrs: Session II: Regulating the Private Healthcare Sector-Current Scenario and Main Challenges**

**Context:** Questions on how to improve healthcare quality have continued to be frequently raised by the general public and a wide variety of stakeholders, including the government, consumer organizations, professional associations, insurance companies, the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare, National Human Rights Commission, and judiciary amongst others. There cannot be any fixed answer or solution to these questions as there are many factors leading to this situation and collective efforts are required to initiate a process of change. However, establishment and effective application of a regulatory regime that is flexible and can address stakeholders' expectation seems to provide a way forward. Also it is required to improve cooperation and coordination among different regulatory agencies having different set of interest within the healthcare industry.

**Issues for discussion:**

- a. State-level 'good practices' in application of regulation pertaining to healthcare sector
- b. Interface between state level & national level regulatory regimes
- c. Challenges and opportunities in application of regulation
- d. Suggestion and experience with Clinical Establishment Act implementation
- e. Cooperation among (cogent) state-regulators

**Chair/Moderator:** *Krishnangshu Roy, Director, Department of Health and Family Welfare, WB*

(10 minutes)

- **Submission by State Department of Health & Family Welfare**
  - *Deepak Upreti, Principal Secretary, Health, Government of Rajasthan*

- *M Madan Gopal, Principal Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Karnataka*
  - *A.R.Rizvi, Principal Secretary (Health), HP\**
  - *Ajay Sawhney, Principal Secretary, Health, Government of AP\**
  - *Rajesh Kishore, Add Chief Secretary, Health, Government of Gujarat\**
- **Submission by State Drug Control Authority**
    - *Dr. Chintamani Ghosh, Director-Drugs Control, West Bengal*
    - *Shri. Salim A. Veljee, Director, Goa Drug Control Authority*
    - *Mr. Mahesh Zagade Commissioner, Food and Drugs, Maharashtra\**
    - *Abdul Khader, Director-Drugs Control, Tamil Nadu\**
- Floor Discussion: (40 minutes)

### **1530 to 1700hrs: Session III: Regulating & Managing Bio-Medical Waste in States**

**Context:** Hospitals and other healthcare establishments have a duty towards environment and for public health, and have particular responsibilities in relation to the waste they produce i.e., biomedical waste. Negligence, in terms of biomedical waste management, significantly contributes to polluting the environment, affects the health of human beings, and depletes natural and financial resources. Hence there is a need to create awareness among all stakeholders about the importance of biomedical waste management and various regulations related to it. It is also imperative to analyse the adequacy of existing regulations in terms of ensuring responsible behavior from the part of healthcare units while managing the bio-medical waste.

**Issues for discussion:**

- a. Development of market for private BMW management entities' participation
- b. Good practices in P-P-P for BMW management
- c. Cooperation between state regulators/authorities

**Chair/Moderator:** Satish Sinha, Toxics Link (10 minutes)

- **Submission by State Pollution Control Boards**
  - *K U Mistry, Chairman, Gujarat Pollution Control Board*
  - *Jose Manuel Noronha, CEO, Goa Pollution Control Board*
  - *Binay K Dutta, Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board\**
  - *Representative of APPCB\**
- **Submission by State Department of Health & Family Welfare**
  - *Pankaj Agarwal, Commissioner, Health, Government of MP\**
  - *Satish Chandra Tiwari, Principal Secretary, Health, Government of WB\**
  - *J Radhakrishnan, Secretary, Health Government of Tamil Nadu\**

- *Parimal Raj, Principal Secretary, Health, Government of Goa\**
- *Meeta Rajivlochan, Secretary, Health, Government of Maharashtra\**

- Floor Discussion: (40 minutes)

### **1700 to 1715hrs: Closing of Day I**

- Summarising key points

## **DAY II**

### **1000 to 1200hrs: Session IV: Exploring Possibilities of Cooperation between State Regulators**

Presentations:

- a. Need for cooperation between state regulators by CUTS-International (15 minutes)
  - b. Structure, function and experiences of Forum of Regulators (State Electricity Regulatory Commission): (15 minutes)
    - *S K Chatterjee, Deputy Chief (Regulatory Affairs), Forum of Regulators\**
- Floor Discussion: (60 minutes)

### **1200 to 1300hrs: Concluding Session**

**Submission by representatives of:**

- *Paritosh Kumar, Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)*
- *Jagdish Prasad, Director General of Health Services, Gol*

**Forum Declaration & Action Agenda**

**1300 to 1330hrs: NETWORKING LUNCH**