

Executive Seminar
Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Management

Amsterdam
9–14 August 2009
Arrival date: August 9th 2009
Departure date: August 15th 2009

Course Objectives

The supply chain of medicines and medical supplies works within a management and regulatory framework. Policies and decisions made by policy makers and managers at different levels affect the supply chain in a positive or negative way. This training course is designed to describe and exchange on the influence of policy and management decisions on supply chain performance. Managers and policy makers will be provided with information on key-issues of the pharmaceutical supply chain and will be given the opportunity to exchange experience, best practices and other lessons learnt.

Aim

At the end of the course delegates:

- have enlarged their knowledge on supply chain issues
- understand how policy and management decisions influence the performance of the supply chain
- are able to suggest policy and management changes to ensure better performance, on the basis of the current status of their supply chain
- are able to set indicators, monitor and evaluate the management performance at difference levels of the supply chain.
- have become stronger advocates for a good functioning pharmaceutical supply chain

Target Audience

This course is particularly designed for managers and decision makers within the health sector such as National policy makers, Health program managers, central/regional stores managers, and health sector development partners and board members of health projects and medical stores

Outline of course content

The course covers the following major modules:

- Overview of supply chain issues for medicines and medical supplies
- Major diseases and their specific supply chain issues: HIV/AIDS, Malaria, TB and Neglected Tropical Diseases
- Key challenges in current supply chain management
- Policy makers and managers as determining factors for the supply chain performance
- Financing and Human resource management decisions
- Inventory management, decision making matrix/game for managers and policy makers
- Public and private sector supply chain management models: Possible complimentary and/or collaborating opportunities
- Monitoring and evaluation of supply chain management performance
- Country supply chain performances/case studies

Course facilitation and Training Methodology

This training is participatory in nature and involves lectures, facilitated group discussion, exercises and case studies. The training will also include a hands-on field visit and guest lecture on the role of development partners in the supply chain management. Delegates are a major source for this South-South capacity-building seminar. At least half of the time of this training will be dedicated to exchanging experiences.

The course facilitators come from i+solutions, WHO and a pool of independent consultants and managers. The broad experience of i+solutions in Pharmaceutical management support makes this course a unique opportunity for delegates to share experiences and enhance their supply chain management knowledge and skills.

Location and Accommodation

The course will take place in Amsterdam. Hotel accommodations, educational and recreation excursions, as well as a transfer from and to the airport are included in the course fee.

Course Dates

9 – 14 August 2009

Hotel check-in: Sunday August 9th afternoon <-> Hotel check-out: Saturday August 15th morning

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Course Fees and Costs

The total fee of € 4.500,- includes:

- Tuition fee (including course materials)
- Transfer to and from Amsterdam International airport
- Hotel accommodation (single occupancy) for the duration of the course
- Three meals a day during the week
- Coffee and tea during course breaks
- Several recreational visits

In addition to this fee, each participant requires an allowance to cover personal expenses.

Health insurance

All delegates are required to have valid health insurance for the duration of their stay. Sponsoring agencies are responsible for obtaining health insurance for their delegates.

Visa

All delegates, with the exception of those from the EU and USA, are required to obtain visas for the Netherlands. We would like to underline that the participant is responsible of getting a visa in time. i+solutions can provide an invitation letter if required.

Applications

Applications and fees must be received as soon as possible and at the latest before the 9th of July 2009 in order to be guaranteed a place on the course. After this date places will be assigned on a first-come, first served basis.

Confirmation

Course space is allocated as soon as the application is received. Enrolment for the course is limited to encourage maximum participant involvement

Sponsor Information

Applicants are required to secure their own funding to cover course fee, per diem allowance, health insurance and travel expenses. **Course providers do not provide funding for courses.** To obtain funding, applicants should contact government or non-government agencies in their countries.

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