

A five-day training programme on Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) inspections and compliance was organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) from 25 to 29 November 2012 in Tripoli, Libya. Participants included state regulators from the Libyan National Medicine Regulatory Authority. The training provided an overview on work of the WHO in the area of quality and safety of medicines and prequalification programme collaborative procedure for GMP inspectors. The training objectives were to:

build the capacity of GMP inspectors in basic topics of GMP such as facility design, validation, heat, ventilation and air conditioning, and water systems;

introduce the WHO prequalification programme of medicines and the opportunities it renders for National medicines Regulatory Authorities in the Region as well as its new fast track registration scheme for prequalified products;

rapidly assess the training needs for establishment of GMP inspection function in the pharmacy department of the Libyan Ministry of Health.

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