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To the Registered Pharmacy Professionals (All)

Re: Invitation to the NPC 10th General Assembly

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Pharmacy Council has the pleasure to invite you to participate in the 10th General Assembly of registered Pharmacy Professionals which will be held on **Friday, November 11th, 2022** from **8:00 AM** at **Olympic Hotel/Kimironko**.

The theme of the day is: **"Maintaining Professional Ethics for High standards Pharmacy Practice"**.

On the Agenda:

1. Report of NPC activities 2019- 2022;
2. Election of members of the National Pharmacy Council Board and Technical committees;
3. Celebration of world Pharmacists day 2022.

Kindly find attached the concept note for your reference.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Innocent HAHIRWA, PhD
Chairperson**



Cc:

- **Hon. Minister of Health;**
- **Director General, Rwanda FDA;**
- **Principal, University of Rwanda, CMHS;**
- **NPC Permanent Secretary and Registrar**



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CONCEPT NOTE FOR THE NPC 10th GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD PHARMACIST'S DAY 2022

**Theme: " Maintaining Professional Ethics for High Standards Pharmacy
Practice".**

Date: November 11, 2022

Venue: Olympic Hotel (Kimironko)



INTRODUCTION

The National Pharmacy Council (NPC) was set up by Law No 45/2012 of 14/01/2013 relating to the organization, functioning and competence of the Council of Pharmacists.

The Council is responsible for ensuring that the rules, honour and dignity of the pharmacy profession are complied with and ensures the protection of public health. The Council also ensures compliance with the principles of morality, integrity and dedication essential to the practice of the pharmacy profession and ensures that all its members comply with their professional requirements and the laws and regulations governing pharmacists.

Since its founding, the Council has held world Pharmacist's day with the goal of bringing together all registered pharmacy professionals to share knowledge and updates on current practices in the pharmaceutical industry and support professionals in upholding competence, ethical behavior, and professionalism.

Moreover, the National Pharmacy Council participates in activities that seek to promote the role of pharmacists in public health protection through the celebration of World Pharmacists day that takes place on the 25th of September each year.



RATIONALE

Pharmacy, like other health care professions, is both a knowledge-based and a value-based profession. However, the values that inform practice activities are rarely made explicit.

We use 'values' in a very general sense to refer to those things which practitioners see as making pharmacy valuable or worthwhile. In particular, we are interested in those aspects of pharmacy which are cited by practitioners as an indicator of something that is 'good' whether that be in relation to practice goals, practice conduct, or the character of practitioners. We use 'ethics' as a lens through which to elicit and make sense of pharmacy values. We are also using ethics in a very general sense to indicate a concern with determining what ought to be done in practice.

There is very little empirical ethics research – especially in the UK – that illuminates the values of pharmacy practice or the way ethical issues are perceived and managed by pharmacy practitioners (Wingfield, Bissell, & Anderson, 2004).

As far as the council organs are elected during the General Assembly of registered pharmacy professionals, during this year, the Council will disseminate the disciplinary measures guidelines and enhance the ethical values of pharmacy professionals as well as the election of the Council organs.

To this end, the Council will celebrate world pharmacist's day and conduct a campaign for promoting the role of pharmacists in the achievement of sustainable development goals and universal health coverage under the theme "**Maintaining Professional Ethics for High standards Pharmacy Practice**".

The purpose of this gathering is to give pharmacy professionals an opportunity to interact, network, and share ideas on topics that are important to their line of work. Additionally, it gives pharmacy professionals a forum to discuss and underline the issues that need to be addressed in the pharmacy profession hence protecting public health. Additionally, it offers a platform for the global dissemination and sharing of new updates in the pharmaceutical industry.



OBJECTIVES

The general objective of the National Pharmacy Council General meeting is to bring together registered pharmacy professionals to discuss subjects that matter to the pharmacy profession and elect the council organs.

Specific Objectives

- ✓ Enhance the Pharmacist's ethics;
- ✓ Celebration of world pharmacist's day;
- ✓ Election of the National Council Board members.

Expected outcomes

- ✓ Pharmacists' ethics enhanced;
- ✓ Updates in current pharmacy practice are shared with the pharmacy professionals;
- ✓ World pharmacist day is celebrated;
- ✓ Members of the Council organs are elected.

Methodology

This year's general meeting will combine a mini scientific conference, a campaign for the celebration of world pharmacy day, and the election of the new members of the National Council Board.



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Date and Venue

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Venue: Olympic Hotel (Kimironko)

EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS

More than a thousand (more than 1000) attendees from important healthcare stakeholders in the public and private sectors, including policymakers, academics, researchers, Distinguished leaders, NPC stakeholders and pharmacy professionals from many specialities, and media (TV, radio, newspapers) will attend the General Assembly.

Languages: Kinyarwanda, French & English



Agenda of the Day

WORLD PHARMACIST'S DAY 2022: 28.10.2022		
HOURS	TOPIC	FACILITATOR
8:00-9:00	Registration	NPC secretariat
9:10-9:10	Welcome Remarks	NPC Chairperson: Dr Innocent HAHIRWA
9:10-9:20	Opening remarks	Hon. Patrick NDIMUBANZI/ES-HRH/MoH
9:20-9:40	Presentation of the NPC mission	PS/NPC-NSENGEYUKURI Jean Damascene
9:40-10:00	Report of NPC activities 2019-2022	NPC Chairperson- Dr Innocent HAHIRWA
10:00-10:20	Audit Report (2019-2022)	NPC Treasurer- UZABAKIRIHO DARIUS
10:20-10:40	Question and Answers	Moderator: UWASE MARIE ANGE
10:40-11:00	Indangagaciro z'abahanga mu by'imiti	RUTAMBIKA Noel
11:00-11:30	NPC Disciplinary measures guidelines	SHEMA NGOGA FABRICE
11:30-13:00	Panel Discussion: Maintaining professional Ethics for High standards Pharmacy Practice".	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hon. Dr. Tito RUTAREMARA ; ✓ Prof. Emile Bienvenu ; ✓ ISRAEL BIMPE; ✓ INES BUKI; ✓ SHEMA NGOGA FABRICE
MODERATOR		CLEOPHACE BARORE

COFFEE BREAK



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13:00-14:00	Lunch	Hotel
14:00-16:00	Election of Board Members	Election committee
16:00-16:10	Closing remark	Chairperson
16:10-17:00	Networking and departure	All Participants