



Medicines Control Authority of Zimbabwe



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The Director General's note for the New Year

With great enthusiasm and determination, I extend a warm welcome to all as we embark upon the promising year of 2024. This year presents immense potential and avenues for growth within the local pharmaceutical industry.

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering support throughout the preceding year. In 2023, the Medicines Control Authority of Zimbabwe (MCAZ) successfully forged strategic partnerships with various National Regulatory Authorities, resulting in two significant Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) being signed. These agreements have further empowered the Authority to fulfill its mandate, achieve strategic objectives, and ensure seamless access to high-quality medicines and medical devices for our citizens.

Our mandate is to safeguard public and animal health by ensuring the safety, efficacy, and quality of all medicines and medical devices. Your engagement and collaboration have enabled the MCAZ to carry out this mandate, overcoming challenges and attaining significant milestones that positively impact the health and well-being of our fellow citizens.


Unfortunately, our nation continues to grapple with issues such as drug abuse, drug smuggling, and irrational medicine use. I invite all stakeholders to join hands with the Authority and other key participants in a united effort to combat these challenges.


The time has come for the renewal of premises and persons licenses and permits. I strongly urge our valued stakeholders to embrace our online platforms as we strive to achieve our 2026 strategic goal of full automation. In this journey, we will introduce numerous initiatives and strengthen existing ones to meet the evolving demands of the industry.

Following our assessments by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2023, the Authority aims to enhance regulatory processes, targeting the achievement of maturity level three (ML3) this year. Emphasis will be placed on mobilizing adequate resources and ensuring their effective and efficient utilization. As the MCAZ expands to become a globally recognized regulator for medical products and allied substances in Zimbabwe, attracting and retaining top talent will remain a key focus.

Looking ahead, I am confident that our continued collaborations will drive advancements in medicine regulation and access. Let us collectively embrace innovation, foster transparency, and uphold unwavering integrity in all our endeavours.

Once again, I extend my best wishes for your endeavours in the new year and express heartfelt gratitude for your continued participation in the MCAZ's journey of growth and development in 2024.

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