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Biography

Mr Libert Chirinda is a pharmacist by profession, and is a medicines regulator, with more than a decade of experience in the medicines regulatory environment, with extensive experience in pharmacovigilance oversight and clinical trials oversight at the national and international level.

In his current role as Chief Regulatory Officer (CRO) in the Pharmacovigilance and Clinical Trials (PVCT) Division at the Medicines Control Authority of Zimbabwe (MCAZ), he leads a team that is responsible for implementing two medicines regulatory functions, i.e. pharmacovigilance and clinical trials oversight. The pharmacovigilance role encompasses all medicines and vaccines safety monitoring activities at the national level, and the clinical trials oversight role includes review of clinical trial applications, approval and monitoring of all clinical trials in Zimbabwe, including the conduct of Good Clinical Practice (GCP) inspections.

Mr Chirinda is also a member of the Medical Research Council of Zimbabwe (MRCZ) National Health Research Development Committee (NHRDC), which is the National Ethics Committee for Zimbabwe, responsible for reviewing and providing ethics approval and oversight for all health research involving human participants in Zimbabwe. His other roles include serving as a member of the National Medicines and Therapeutics Policy Advisory Committee (NMTPAC), involved in overseeing the implementation of the Zimbabwe National Medicines Policy (NMP) and endorsement of standard treatment guidelines and essential medicines lists for common health conditions in Zimbabwe.