

Report from the first TCRI WG of Afrimets By Zakithi Msimang, TCRI chair





Outline of Talk

- Who were the participants?
- What did we do?
- Work plan
- Training needs
- Funding
- Other plans
- Recommendations to the GA



Who were the participants?

- Seven participants
- Four countries (three subRMO) and an international organisation
- IAEA, EAMET (KEBS), NEWMET (NIS and NNRA), SADMET (NMISA)



What did we do?

- Lab presentation (lab capabilities, quality system, plans)
- Report from CCRI meeting and TCRI RMOWG on CMC's
- Support for IR labs (Afra/TC IAEA)
- Comparison/PT scheme needs
- Training needs



Work plan

- Radiation protection, 3 key comparisons
 - Air kerma, Cs-137, Co-60 and Medium energy x-ray (50 kV to 320 kV)
 - Three chambers, connectors and (electrometer, barometer?)
 - IAEA will supply two chambers, third one from another PSDL/supplier
 - Pilot NMISA, Protocol draft by end of 2009
 - Comparison to start 2010 on registration of protocol with the BIPM

Work plan cont.

- Radiation therapy
 - Air kerma: Medium energy x-ray and Co-60
 - Absorbed dose to water: Co-60
 - 2011
 - Radiation protection
 - Personal dose equivalent
 - Contamination monitor
 - 2011



Training needs identified

- Implementation of ISO17025
 - AFRA project for member states
- Estimation of uncertainty of measurements
- Train a trainer especially for radiation protection
- Members encouraged to use IAEA help



Funding

- Unido project
- IAEA
- Possible: Project on harmonisation of dosimetry in Africa
- Members of SSDL to contact national liaison officer and check projects active in their countries
 - Be involved in writing their country framework

Other plans

- Proposal next WG meeting to be held in conjunction with the IAEA dosimetry symposium with possibility of sponsorships
 - Use of IAEA co-ordinated research projects for transportation of artefacts during comparison (adaptive research)
 - Observe CCRI brachytherapy comparison closely to adopt some of procedures

Recommendations to GA

IAEA is a request driven organisation. We recommend that they be invited to be observer members of Afrimets.

