Symposium Overview

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What does SLMTA stand for?

A. Stepwise Laboratory Management Toward Accreditation
B. Strengthening Laboratory Medicine Toward Accreditation
C. Strengthening Laboratory Management Training Toward Accreditation
D. None of the above

Strengthening Laboratory Management Toward Accreditation
What is the full name for SLIPTA?

A. Strengthening Laboratory Improvement Towards Accreditation

B. Stepwise Laboratory Improvement Process Towards Accreditation

C. Stepwise Laboratory Quality Improvement Process Towards Accreditation

D. None of the above
What does SLMPTA stand for?

Nothing!!!!
Complete the following analogy:

SLIPTA : SLIMTA = Weight Scale : ???

A structured diet and exercise plan to help me systematically lose weight

The “how-to”
It measures the level of quality using an ISO 15189-based audit checklist with 111 items totaling 258 points.

It recognizes a lab’s progression towards accreditation using a 0-to-5 star scale.
A structured quality improvement program that teaches laboratory managers how to implement practical Quality Management Systems using available resources.

Designed to achieve immediate, measurable results.

Launched in 2009 by WHO AFRO concurrently with the stepwise laboratory accreditation preparation scheme (branded “SLIPTA” in 2011).
The SLMTA Process

Content + Implementation = Impact

Baseline Audit

Workshop #1
(3 months)

Improvement Projects

Workshop #2
(3 months)

Improvement Projects

Workshop #3
(3 months)

Improvement Projects

Behavioral Changes & Laboratory Improvement

Site Visits

Exit Audit

Site Visits

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Baseline Score [BEFORE] - Exit Score [AFTER] = SLMTA Effect
Day 1 Agenda

1. Program updates

2. Country showcase: South Africa

3. Unlocking the Secrets to accreditation
   - Key driver for quality
   - Expert panel featuring accredited SLMTA laboratories
   - Common pitfalls to accreditation – perspective from an accrediting body

4. Poster Presentations

5. Exhibit Booths (one-on-one interaction)
Day 2 Agenda

1. The Next Frontier – Extension and Partnership
   - SLMTA adaptation for hospitals
   - World Bank EAPHLN Partnership

2. Tools
   - SLMTA 2: Breakthrough Curriculum (Race to the Top)
   - Customizing SLMTA for TB Laboratories

3. Optimizing Effectiveness of Your QC Program: An Interactive Game

4. Accreditation Tipping Points: Country Case Study

5. Opposing Perspectives: ASLM Auditors vs Audited Laboratories

6. Poster Presentations and Exhibit Booths

Award Ceremony / Call to Action
“... the point at which an idea crosses a certain threshold and gains significant momentum, triggered by some minor factor or change... the critical point in a system beyond which a significant and often unstoppable effect takes place.
• Tea breaks
• Lunch
• The SLMTA Song
What is the theme of the 2014 SLMTA/SLIPTA Symposium?

To go higher, faster, farther, and longer
Thank you