

IMDRF-Industry Joint Workshop

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Structure of today's workshop

Topic I: IMDRF Strategic Plan 2026-2030

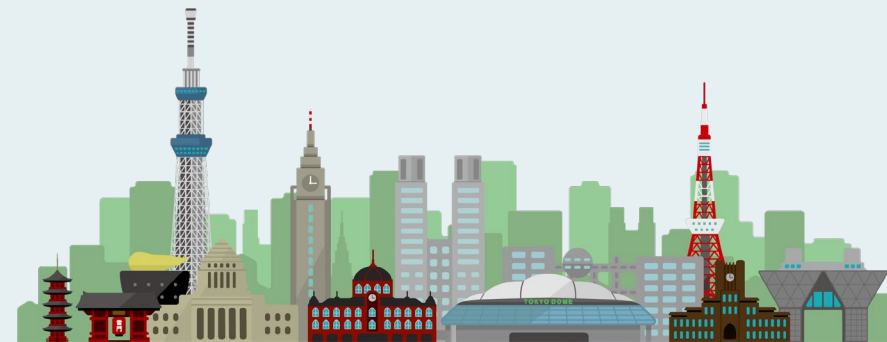
Session1:
Scene Setting

Session2:
Progress and Challenges
in Implementation of
IMDRF Guidance
Document

Session3:
Education models
for Training and
Capacity Building at
Current IMDRF
initiatives, RHI
experience

Topic II:
Challenges in
expanding Reliance

Based on the
discussion at IMDRF
25th Session



IMDRF Strategic Plan 2026 – 2030

Overview of survey result

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Session1 Scene Setting



Background:

The IMDRF Strategic Plan is published every 5 years aligned with the IMDRF mission, goals, objectives, and scope of activities on IMDRF Terms of Reference. **2025 is** the final year of the current IMDRF Strategic Plan 2020-2025, and **the year of formulation and publication of the next IMDRF Strategic Plan 2026-2030**. At the IMDRF 26th Session, the MC agreed to conduct a survey among stakeholders to obtain the necessary input to consider IMDRF's vision and priority initiatives in preparation for the creation of the next Strategic Plan.

The aim of this survey is to collect the following items to be included in the next Strategic Plan.

- ✓ **Key Objective and priority area candidates**
- ✓ **Multiple perspectives on IMDRF activities**
- ✓ **Key words, phrases, expressions, and terms that make up the text**



Survey to IMDRF Members and Stakeholders

To whom?

IMDRF MC members, Official Observers, RHIs, Affiliate Members, Industry (GMTA, DITTA)

About what?

Strengths and challenges of IMDRF

Possible priority topics

Implementation and use of IMDRF guidance document

When?

November 8, 2024 to January 8, 2025



Respondents

IMDRF MC Members

- Australia – TGA
- Brazil - ANVISA
- Canada - Health Canada
- European Union - European Commission
- Japan - MHLW/PMDA
- Singapore - HSA
- South Korea - MFDS
- United Kingdom - MHRA
- United States of America – FDA

IMDRF Official Observers

- Argentina - ANMAT
- Switzerland - Swissmedic
- Saudi Arabia – SFDA
- WHO

IMDRF Affiliate Members

- Botswana
- Chile
- Chinese Taipei
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- India
- Kenya
- Mexico
- Montenegro
- Nigeria
- Oman
- Paraguay
- Tanzania

IMDRF RHI

- GHWP

Industry

- DITTA
- GMTA



Overview of survey questions

Category	Questions about:	MC, OO	Affiliate	RHI	Industry
1. Current status of IMDRF	Strengths, benefits	x	x	x	x
	Challenges, difficulties	x	x	x	x
2. Topics for IMDRF activity/guidance document	Innovative Topics	x	x	x	x
	Foundational topics	x	x	x	x
3. Implementation and use of IMDRF guidance document	Support for introduction to regulatory system		x		
	Promoting the implementation			x	
	Expectation to IMDRF document				x



1. Current status of IMDRF: **Strength, benefits**

MC member, Official Observers

Guidance Document



out of 13 responses

- Development of guidance documents on innovative topics by developed regulated countries
- Developing and maintaining fundamental guidance documents that serve as the basis for global medical device regulation
- Activities in collaboration with international standards organizations
- Cooperation with the global medical device industry
- Sharing experience in regulatory implementation of international medical device guidance documents and standards
- Bringing together international stakeholders in face-to-face meetings

Engagement with stakeholders

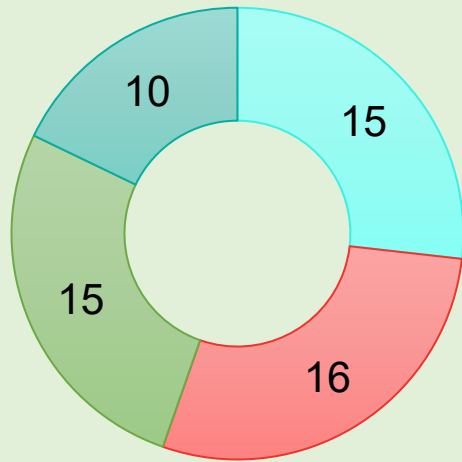
Other comments;

- ✓ World-lead organization in medical device regulation
- ✓ Setting foundation of medical device regulation
- ✓ Sharing expertise, capability, knowledge and ideas
- ✓ Promoting regulatory convergence
- ✓ Transparency of the process
- ✓ Robust discussions among experts etc.



1. Current status of IMDRF: **Strength, benefits**

Affiliate Members



out of 16 responses

Participation in IMDRF WG activities

Stay up to date with the latest activities related to medical device regulations

Communication with experienced MC members from various countries

Collection of best practices

RHI

- Participation in IMDRF WG activities
- Stay up to date with the latest activities related to medical device regulations
- Other (Please propose specific approach)

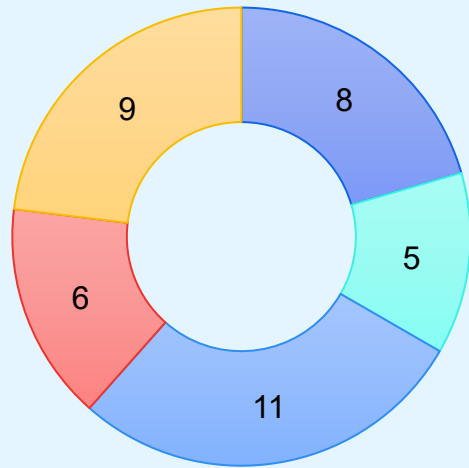
Other comment:

- ✓ To enable dialogues towards common goals on medical device regulatory convergence, harmonization and reliance.



1. Current status of IMDRF: **Challenges, difficulties**

MC member, Official Observers



out of 13 responses

■ Clarification of the position of activities and guidance documents in the regulatory model

■ Frequency of updates to published guidance documents

■ Mechanism to disseminate the contents and correct interpretation of published guidance documents

■ Engagement with regions with few IMDRF members

■ Engagement with academia, healthcare professionals and patients

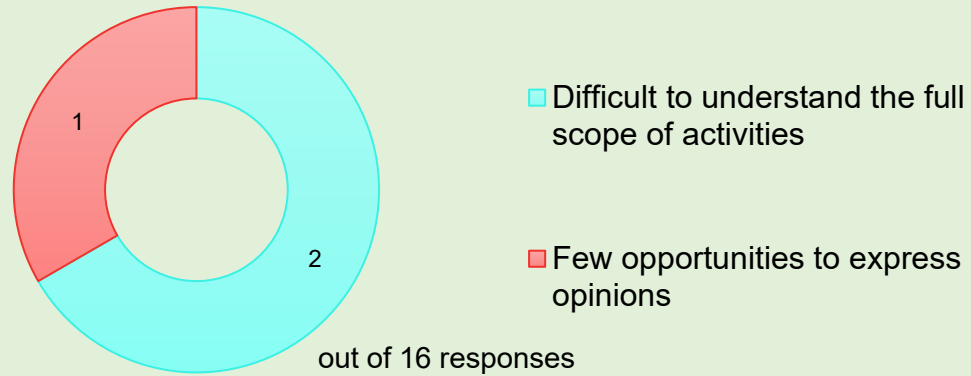
Other comments;

- ✓ Different priorities within IMDRF members
 - ✓ Keeping up with emerging technologies
 - ✓ Different maturity of regulatory system or expertise
 - ✓ Limited resource for providing training
 - ✓ Relationships with Regional Harmonization Initiatives
 - ✓ Maintenance of GHTF documents
- etc.



1. Current status of IMDRF: **Challenges, difficulties**

Affiliate Members



Other comments;

- ✓ Language
- ✓ Logistical issue
- ✓ Participation in WGs or certain types of activity
- ✓ Participation in IMDRRF decision making
- ✓ Levels of maturity
- etc.

RHI

- Difficult to see the coordination with own organization's activities
- Few opportunities to express opinions
- Other (Please propose specific approach)

Other comments:

- ✓ Faster communication
- ✓ Transparency on topic selection and work phase



2. Topics for IMDRF activity/guidance document

MC member, Official Observers

Innovative topics:

- ✓ Reliance
- ✓ Cybersecurity
- ✓ Generative AI-enabled medical device
- ✓ Clinical evaluation of innovative technologies
- ✓ Remanufacturing of medical device
- ✓ In-silico clinical trials
- ✓ Personalized medicines and companion diagnostics
- ✓ Orphan medical devices
- ✓ UDI 2.0
- ✓ Supply resilience for critical/essential devices
- ✓ Framework for global health emergency
- etc.

Foundational topics:

- ✓ Essential Principles
- ✓ Medical Device Classification
- ✓ QMS (including SaMD)
- ✓ Clinical evidence for Medical Device
- ✓ Clinical evidence for IVD
- ✓ Post-market Surveillance
- ✓ AE Terminology
- ✓ UDI
- ✓ GHTF document
- etc.



2. Topics for IMDRF activity/guidance document

Affiliate Members

Innovative topics:

- ✓ AI/ML-enabled medical device
- ✓ Digital health
- ✓ Cybersecurity
- ✓ Modeling and simulation
- ✓ RWE
- ✓ Regulatory process for innovative medical devices
- ✓ Innovative technology such as 3D printing
- ✓ Combination product
- ✓ Reprocessed/refurbished medical device
- ✓ Informatics tools for post-market surveillance
etc.

RHI

Innovative topics:

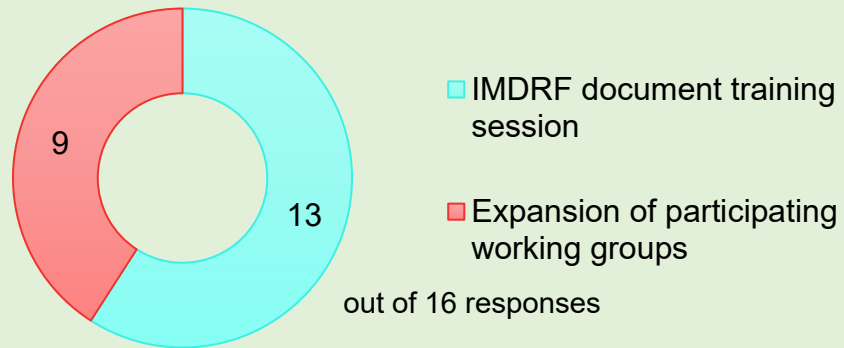
- ✓ Joint review mechanism for combination products
- ✓ Regulatory convergence in emerging markets
- ✓ Cybersecurity, data privacy, and interoperability
- ✓ Change management
- ✓ e-Labeling and e-IFU
- ✓ Innovative evidence (i.e. real world evidence, in silico modeling, synthetic samples)
- ✓ IVD clinical pathways
- ✓ CDx clinical evidence harmonization
etc.

Foundational topics from Affiliate Members and RHIs are pretty much the same as those MC members identify



3. Implementation of IMDRF guidance document

Affiliate Members



Other comments;

- ✓ Experience and information sharing
 - ✓ Informatic tools for PMS
 - ✓ Partnership with IMDRF and RAs
 - ✓ Mentorship program
- etc.

RHI

- ☒ IMDRF document training session
- ☒ Expansion of participating working groups
- ☒ Other (Please propose specific approach)

Other comments;

- ✓ Including participation of regulatory authorities from different maturity levels in the development process.
 - ✓ Creating online FAQ session for common questions/feedbacks
- etc.



Next Step

- Discussion within IMDRF MC members based on the result of survey and workshop Communication with IMDRF Stakeholders
- Drafting by IMDRF Secretariat and MC members
- Publication in the last quarter of this year

Thank you very much for your contribution to the survey!





Thank you

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