

PLANNED 2026 TRAININGS

1.0 FRANCOPHONE - WHO-AFRO SLIPTA AUDITOR TRAINING

Target Audience

- National LQMS Auditors
- LQMS trainers
- Laboratory Managers
- Quality Managers
- LQMS Mentors
- LQMS Experts & Advisors

Important Dates

Call for Applications	23 February – 30 March 2026
Closing Dates	30 March 2026, 16:00 EAT
Payment Dates	1 April – 30 April 2026
Training Dates	18 – 22 May 2026
Training Location	Dakar, Senegal

Introduction

The World Health Organization (WHO) Afro Stepwise Laboratory Quality Improvement Process Towards Accreditation (SLIPTA), is a program developed by the (WHO AFRO) and implemented by the African Society for Laboratory Medicine (ASLM), since 2013. It aims to improve the quality of public health laboratories in African countries by guiding them towards incremental implementation and achieving the requirements of the ISO 15189 standard. The program uses a stepwise approach, evaluating laboratories based on a standard WHO-AFRO SLIPTA checklist and awarding star ratings (0-5 stars) based on their performance. This SLIPTA Auditor Training workshop is based on the ISO15189:2022 and [SLIPTA checklist V3](#) published in 2023.

Class size will be limited to 24 participants. Countries or organizations may submit as many candidates as they want, and their applications must be rank ordered so we know whom to admit first. A confirmation of financial support letter must accompany the application form. Pay special attention to the selection criteria below. Acceptance will be based on participant qualifications and program needs.

To date, SLIPTA has been implemented in more than **660** laboratories in **28** countries and has helped **187** laboratories attain accreditation to international standards. A total of 301 auditors from 24 countries have been trained and certified to date.

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Training Outline

This is a 5-day program consisting of 3-days for didactic and 2-days for mock audit and feedback. The successful trainees should maintain a 100 % attendance and pass the final qualifying examination.

**Participants will not get their certificates if they miss any portion of the training.*

After the didactic training, candidates will need to participate in either 3 in-country SLIPTA audits or 3 regional SLIPTA audits for certification as WHO/AFRO SLIPTA Auditors. These will constitute their 3 mentored practicums. At the time of application for the 5-day didactic training, letter of support should highlight support for participating in SLIPTA audit practicums.



Figure 1: SLIPTA Auditor training process

Costs

No application will be accepted without proof of financial support for the following:

- a. Travel costs to Dakar, Senegal
- b. Travel insurance
- c. Accommodation costs
- d. Administration fee of USD 1,600/candidate for the training which will be paid directly to ASLM