
Guitelle Baghdadi-Sabeti



Guitelle Baghdadi-Sabeti has over 15 years experience in public health and development work, particularly in international pharmaceutical policies and practices aimed at increasing access to good quality essential medicines. She has collaborated and provided country support to over 50 Ministries of Health, NGOs and development partners.

Holding a Masters degree and a Doctorate (with high honours) in Pharmacy from the University of Grenoble as well as a Masters in Public Health (with honours) from the Université Libre de Bruxelles, Guitelle started her carrier in 1991 in Romania working with Pharmaciens Sans Frontières where she trained warehouse personnel on the use of a computer management system aimed at improving access to medicines.

From 1994 to 1996, Guitelle represented the work of the World Health Organization (WHO) in the United Nations. Then she moved to Haiti and in her new capacity provided technical assistance to the Ministry of Health in developing and implementing their national pharmaceutical policy.

In 1997, she transferred to WHO headquarters in the Iraq humanitarian Programme under Resolution 986 ("oil for food"), before joining the Department of Medicines Policy in 1998 where she was the regional focal point for subsequently French-speaking countries in the Africa, South East Asia and later Middle East. In August 2000, Guitelle became Programme Manager in the Department of Medicines Policy developing and monitoring the implementation of WHO Medicines Strategy, managing the programme work and preparing policy and technical documents.

In November 2004, she initiated and developed WHO's *Good Governance for Medicines* programme, a project aimed at promoting good governance and curbing corruption in the pharmaceutical sector. This project is currently operating in 10 countries and being developed with a bottom-up approach, involving country officials and international experts in the development of national good governance programmes for the pharmaceutical sector.