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AfCFTA:
Opportunities for pooled procurement
of essential drugs and products
and local pharmaceutical production
for the continent



United Nations
Economic Commission for Africa



Thursday 21 November 2019

CR4, the United Nations Conference Centre Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



OVERVIEW

Objectives

The broad objectives of the meeting are to:

- a. Harness high-level political commitment and workable solutions for the AfCFTA-anchored pharmaceutical initiative and how to realize the Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Plan;
- b. Strengthen collaborations and networking among relevant policymakers, regulators and industry representatives for the successful implementation of the initiative;
- c. Consider a broad range of issues relating to the pooled procurement of medications and local pharmaceutical production on the continent;

d. Facilitate public and private sector dialogue on the initiative;

e. Share ideas, lessons and best practices on how to improve the initiative.

Outcome

The expected outcome of the meeting is a road map for the implementation of the recommendations arising from the meeting that relate to realizing the pharmaceutical initiative, namely, the Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Plan.



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8 – 8.40 a.m.	<p>Registration</p> <p>Conference Room 4 United Nations Conference Centre, Addis Ababa</p>
08.45 – 10.15 a.m.	<p>Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ministerial opening statement Organizers of the meeting <p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thokozile Ruzvidzo Director of the Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) <p>Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HE Jean Paul Adam Minister of Health, Seychelles ▪ HE Amir Aman Minister of Health Ministry of Health, Ethiopia ▪ HE Amira Elfadil Commissioner for Social Affairs African Union Commission ▪ Representative of Workineh Gebeyehu Executive Secretary Intergovernmental Authority on Development ▪ Vera Songwe Under-Secretary-General Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa <p>Presentation:</p> <p>The rationale of the project and making the case for the AfCFTA-anchored pharmaceutical initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stephen Karingi Director of the Regional Integration and Trade Division Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

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10.15 a.m. – 12 noon

Discussion and Reflections

- Said Fazul Ahamada
Directeur General
Ministry of Health, Comoros
- Rashid Aman
Chief Administrative Secretary
Ministry of Health, representative of the Cabinet Secretary
Ministry of Health, Kenya
- Gulshan Ramrekha
Deputy Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Health and Quality of Life, Mauritius
- Nicole Mahavany
Pharmacien Inspecteur
Ministry of Health, Madagascar
- Representatives of member States
- Representatives of the regional economic communities
- Representative of the African Union Development Agency–New Partnership for Africa’s Development (AUDA-NEPAD)
- Representative of the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Representatives of United Nations entities and multilateral organizations
- All other participants

12 noon – 1.30 pm

LUNCH WITH INVITED DELEGATES FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR

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1.30 – 4 p.m.	<p>Public and private sector dialogue on the current landscape and opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brief recap of the of the pre-lunch session Stephen Karingi Director of the Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA ▪ Presentation on the landscape: the state of play and lessons learned from other models and initiatives regionally and globally Representative of ECA ▪ Southern African Development Community (SADC) Model Representative of SADC ▪ Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Plan for Africa Representative of AUDA-NEPAD <p>INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First discussant: Arancha González Executive Director, International Trade Centre
4 – 4.30 p.m.	<p>Coffee and tea break Group photograph</p>
4.30 – 5.15 p.m.	<p>Discussion on the way forward</p>
5.15 – 5.30 p.m.	<p>Closing session</p> <p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HE Jean Paul Adam Minister of Health, Seychelles

