



AFRICAN UNION DEVELOPMENT AGENCY-NEPAD

Media Advisory for the Africa Pharma Conference 2020

Enabling regional hubs for increased access to pharma and health commodities

What: The Africa Pharma Conference 2020

The African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) would like to invite media to the Africa Pharma Conference 2020. This event is organised in collaboration with the Department of Trade and Industry, the Department of Social Affairs and delivered through a partnership between AUDA-NEPAD and DFS Africa, a private sector firm dedicated to growing foreign and local investments in Africa's industry and markets.

Theme: Enabling regional hubs for increased access to pharma and health commodities

When: 8-10 June 2020

Where: Radisson Blu Nairobi upper hill, Kenya

Who: Speakers at the conference will include Dr Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO of AUDA-NEPAD, African Heads of State, Government Ministers and Senior executives of leading Pharmaceutical companies.

The Africa Pharma Conference seeks to contribute to efforts to boost local production of essential medicines. The conference will involve all relevant continental institutions, development partners, UN agencies, Member States and the private sector.

The Africa Pharma Conference 2020 will focus on issues and policies that will facilitate sustainable development of regional hubs in best practices. Ideas and initiatives around regional centres of excellence will be explored and this will constitute the foundation required for increased access to financial investments, technology and cross-continental capacity development for the pharmaceutical sector and allied ecosystem.

The series of side events and sessions will highlight the progress, achievements, and challenges faced by African governments in developing the Pharmaceutical sector and discuss best practises to catalyse local production. This year's event will include a Boot Camp that will provide training in the functional skills necessary to address fundamental skills gap that pharmaceutical and biotech entrepreneurs face in Africa. Another major event is the Executive Roundtable, which is a platform to attract global players to share valuable knowledge, interact with key stakeholders and bring required investments as they contribute to the development of the Africa Pharma sector.

The Conference will also feature a Deal Room event over 2 days as a side event. The Deal Room provides opportunities for pre-qualified businesses / project owners to meet with Africa focused institutional investors looking to invest in Pharma and Access to Medicines.

High level delegates including Heads of State and Government and senior policy makers from across the continent are expected to participate in the Africa Pharma conference.

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