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# AFRICAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

on Local Production of  
Medecines and Other  
Health Technologies



At the Abdelatif Rahal  
International Conference  
Center – Algiers

From November 27 to 29  
**2025**

# AFRICAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

# PROGRAMME

## DAY - 1

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### Morning Programme

**08:00 – 09:00** WELCOMING - registration and networking

**09:00 – 10:35** Official opening ceremony

**10:35 – 11:00** coffee break

### Plenary Session Main Hall

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**11:00 – 12:00** “Promoting Regulatory Reliance to Ensure the Quality and Accessibility of Health Products”

Chair: Deusdedit Mubangizi

Panelists: Alioune Ibnou Talib Diouf, Mojisola Adeyeye, Cherif Delih, Yang Hui.

**CLOSED-DOOR MINISTERIAL PANEL -  
“Pharmaceutical Sovereignty as a Pillar  
of Africa’s Health Security and  
Industrial Development”**

Chair: Jean Kaseya

Co-Chair: Nakatani, Yukiko

Panelists: Ministers of Health and Industry from  
Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon,  
Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Gabon,  
Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria,  
Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda,  
Zambia, Zimbabwe.

### Lunch Break

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### afternoon Programme

#### Parallel Workshop Sessions

**13:00 – 14:00** HALL 1 - “Enabling Policy Frameworks for Growth and Sustainability”

Chair: Jean Kaseya

Panelists: Jicui Dong, Coulibaly Assan, Reda Belkacemi.

**HALL 2 - “Innovating Mechanisms to Increase Access to Capital & Financing”**

Chair: Omar Rekkache

Panelists: Frank Muonemeh, Rahal Lyes, Fares Bachtarzi, Nair Analdina Silveil Epalanga Neto.

**HALL 3 - “AI-Powered Innovation: Transforming Local Manufacturing Processes”**

Chair: Abdelmalik Bachir

Panelists: Janet Byaruhanga, Sid-Ahmed Berrani.

**14:00 – 15:00 HALL 1 - “Strengthening Regulatory Systems to Facilitate Access”**

**Chair:** Delese Mimi Darko

**Panelists:** Serigne Omar Sarr, Hadjoudj Wahiba, Coulibaly Assan, Cherif Delih, Sithole Tariro Dapheny.

**HALL 2 - “Financing Local Production Along the Value Chain”**

**Chair:** Frank Muonemeh

**Panelists:** Dehoumen Louis Kpukpemedji, Payet Thierry Gervais Ralairizafy, Abdullah KH Almusaibeeh, Dorcas Noertoft.

**HALL 3 - “Data-Driven Decision Making: Leveraging Digitalization in Local Production”**

**Chair:** Kamel Boukhalfa

**Panelists:** Chaibou Salaou, Nico Vandaele, Albert Tuyishime, Adi Nuseirat.

**15:00 – 15:30 COFFEE BREAK**

**15:30 – 16:30 HALL 1 - “ Shaping Markets for Sustainability”**

**Chair:** Robert Matiru

**Panelists:** Clarisse Morris, Cyong Zou, Sabri Djerroud, Abdulhalim M. Mzale.

**HALL 2 - “Investing in Biosimilars: Unlocking Opportunities for Local Production”**

**Chair:** Adda Bounejdar

**Panelists:** Rowan Ahmed, Abdelouahed Kerrar, Aletta Petronella Susarah Terblanche.

**HALL 3 - “Traceability of Local Medical Products as a Tool to Fight Counterfeit Medicines in Africa”**

**Chair:** John Kachimba

**Panelists:** Mohamed Ismail, Frank Muonemeh, Kalha Komal, Mehdi Amrouni, Dorcas Noertoft.

**16:30 – 17:30 HALL 1 - “Developing Human Capital to Meet Industry Needs”**

**Chair:** Hanan Sboul

**Panelists:** Nico Vandaele, Reda Djidjik, Merzak Ghernaout, David Woo.

**HALL 2 - “Health security: local procurement as a catalyst for local production and sustainable access to health interventions ”**

**Chair:** Dorcas Noertoft

**Panelists:** Marie Roseline Darnycka Belizaire, Joel Odoh, Tesfaye Hailemichael, Abdallah Makhlof, Derrar Fouzi, Sofiane Salah.

**PLENARY SESSION ————— MAIN HALL**

**17:30 – 18:30 “Bridging the Industry–Financing Gap”**

**Chair:** Mamessilé Assih

**Panelists:** Bruno Casella, Foluke Olusegun, Eric Nyirimigabo.

# AFRICAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

# PROGRAMME

## DAY - 2

### MORNING PROGRAMME

#### PLENARY SESSION MAIN HALL

**09:00 – 10:00** “Innovating and Transferring Technology for Local Production”

**Chair:** Jicui Dong

**Panelists:** Julie Makani, Aletta Petronella Susarah Terblanche, Guilherme Cintra, Amine Redouane Cherif.

**10:00 – 11:00** “Member States and Stakeholders reflections on the ministerial conference”

**Chair:** Ambassador Amma Twum-Amoa

**Panelists:** David Nahamya, Boniface Machingauta, Redha Belkacemi.

#### PARALLEL WORKSHOP SESSIONS

**11:00 – 12:00** **HALL 1** - “Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) production: From research and development laboratories to finished products”

**Chair:** Olubunmi Aribeana

**Panelists:** Hannes Malan, Imen Belabes, Abdelhakim Boudis.

**HALL 2** - “Building Ever-Ready Capacity Through Scalable Manufacturing”

**Chair:** Parfait Oubounou Ntoma

**Co-Chair:** Themba Khumalo

**Panelists:** Mohamed Ismail, Tania Vujia Sitolie, Marie Roseline Darnycka Belizaire, Kamel Senhadji.

#### LUNCH BREAK

## AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

### PARALLEL WORKSHOP SESSIONS

**14:30 – 15:30** **HALL 1** - “API manufacturing in Africa: Manufacturers’ perspectives”

**Chair:** Bouabidi Amer

**Panelists:** Muyi Aina, Tania Vujia sitolie, Lawrence Ookeditse, Nabila Benygzer, Marzouk Mamou.

**HALL 2** - “Ensuring Demand Predictability and Generation for Effective Response”

**Chair:** Dorcas Noertoft

**Panelists:** Carlos Maria Correa, Adama Thiam, Bouchra Bouhannache, Fourar Djamel.

**15:30 – 16:00** **COFFEE BREAK**

## PLENARY SESSION

**MAIN HALL**

**16:00 – 17:00** “Review and finalization of the Algiers Declaration”

**Chair:** Themba Khumalo

**Co-Chair:** M. Afonso da Silva Vicente

**19:00** **OFFICIAL DINNER & CULTURAL MOMENT**

# PLENARY SESSION

“Promoting  
regulatory reliance  
to ensure the  
quality and  
accessibility of  
health products”



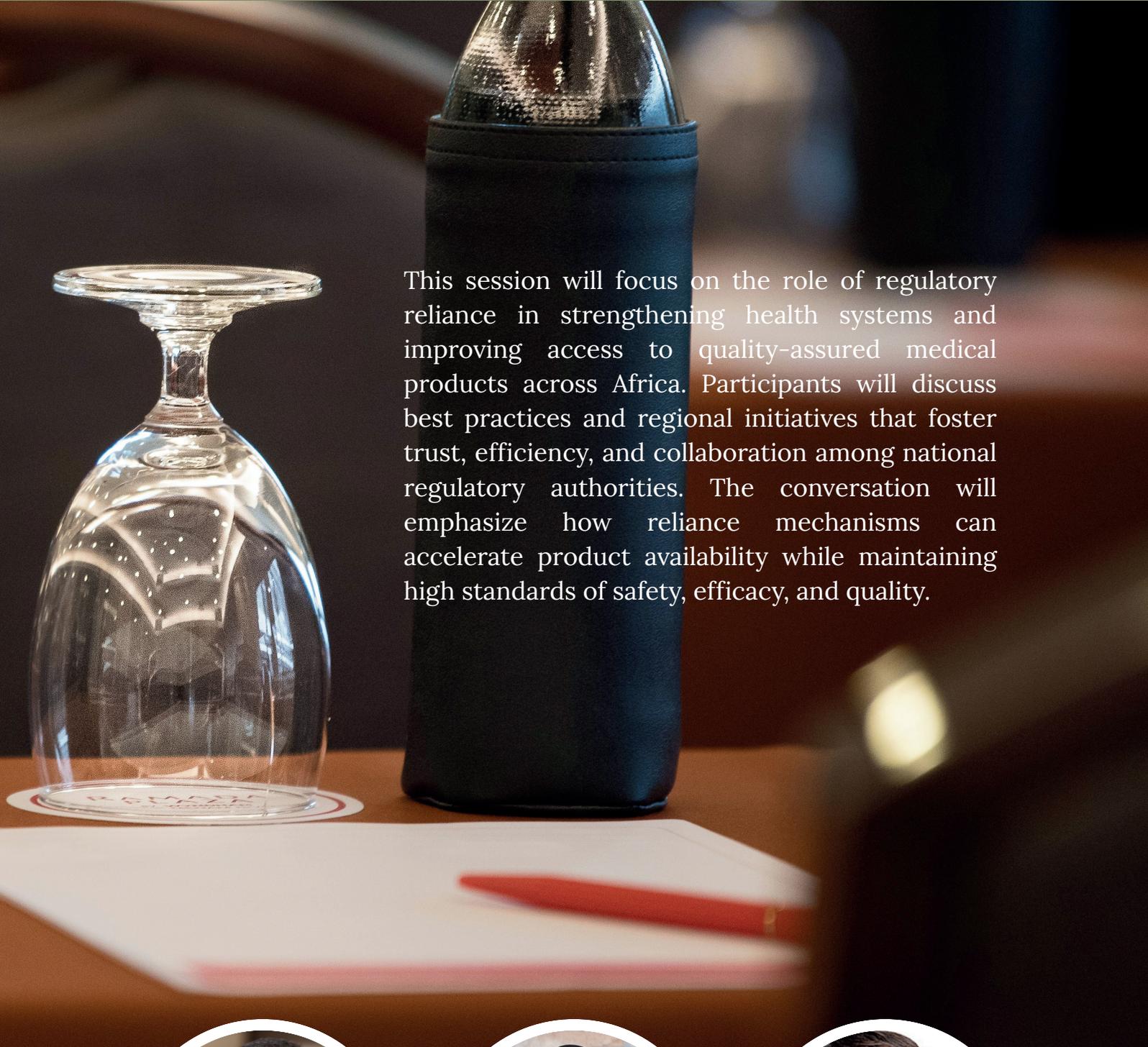
**Deuseddit Mubangizi**  
MODERATOR

Director, Medicines and Health  
Products Policies and Standards  
Department, World Health  
Organization



**Hui Yang**  
SPEAKER

Head of Supply Operations of The  
Global Fund to Fight AIDS,  
Tuberculosis and Malaria, Global  
Health Campus, Switzerland



This session will focus on the role of regulatory reliance in strengthening health systems and improving access to quality-assured medical products across Africa. Participants will discuss best practices and regional initiatives that foster trust, efficiency, and collaboration among national regulatory authorities. The conversation will emphasize how reliance mechanisms can accelerate product availability while maintaining high standards of safety, efficacy, and quality.



**Cherif Delih**

**SPEAKER**

Director General of the National Agency of Pharmaceutical Products, Algeria



**Alioune Ibnou Talib Diouf**

**SPEAKER**

Director General of the Senegalese Agency for Pharmaceutical Regulation, Senegal



**Mojisola Adeyeye**

**SPEAKER**

Director General of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control, Nigeria

# SPECIAL SESSION

Closed-Door Ministerial Panel

## “Pharmaceutical Sovereignty as a Pillar of Africa's Health Security and Industrial Development”



**Yukiko Nakatani**

**MODERATOR**

Assistant Director-General, Access to Medicines and Health Products, World Health Organization, Switzerland



**Jean Kaseya**

**CO-MODERATOR**

Director General, Africa CDC, Ethiopia



**Minister of Health  
ALGERIA**



**Minister of Health  
BENIN**



**Minister of Health  
BURKINA FASO**



**Minister of Health  
CHAD**



**Minister of Health  
ANGOLA**



**Minister of Health  
BOTSWANA**



**Minister of Health  
CAMEROON**



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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
OF THE CONGO**



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ETHIOPIA**



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GHANA**



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KENYA**



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IVORY COAST**



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**Minister of Health  
TANZANIA**



**Minister of Health  
UGANDA**



**Minister of Health  
ZIMBABWE**

# PARALLEL WORKSHOP

Session N°1 – Foundations of a Thriving  
Pharmaceutical Sector

## “Enabling Policy Frameworks for Growth and Sustainability”



**Jean Kaseya**  
MODERATOR

Director General, Africa CDC,  
Ethiopia

This panel aims to explore the importance of aligned and coherent government policies, as well as comprehensive strategies and roadmaps, in promoting local pharmaceutical production. The panelists will share and discuss various approaches to creating an enabling policy environment and sustaining government commitment toward achieving local health sovereignty with both regional and continental outlooks.



**Jicui Dong**  
SPEAKER

Unit Head Local Production  
and Assistance Unit and WLPF  
Secreteriat - WHO, Switzerland



**Reda Belkacemi**  
SPEAKER

Ministry of  
Pharmaceutical  
Industry, Algeria



**Coulibaly Assan**  
SPEAKER

Director General of the Ivorian  
Pharmaceutical Regulatory  
Authority, Ivory Coast

# “Strengthening Regulatory Systems to Facilitate Access”



**Delese Mimi Darko**

MODERATOR

Director General, Africa Medicine Agency (AMA), Rwanda

**Cherif Delih**

SPEAKER

Director General of The National  
Agency of Pharmaceutical  
Products, Algeria



This session will focus on the essential role of regulatory systems in ensuring the quality, safety, and efficacy of health products. The panelists will discuss best practices in regulatory oversight, convergence, and harmonization, with consideration of the establishment of the African Medicines Agency.



**Coulibaly Assan**

SPEAKER

Director General of the Ivoirian  
Pharmaceutical Regulatory  
Authority, Ivory Coast

**Hadjoudj Wahiba**

SPEAKER

Director General of Pharmacy  
and Health Equipment,  
Algeria



**Serigne Omar Sarr**

SPEAKER

Head of Medicines Evaluation and  
Registration Department Senegalese  
Medicines Regulatory Agency (ARP), Senegal

**Sithole Tariro Dapheny**

SPEAKER

Tech. Officer, Health Products  
Regulation/WHO LO AU/ECA, Zimbabwe



# “Shaping Markets for Sustainability”

**Robert Matiru**

**MODERATOR**

Director PM, Unitaid, Switzerland



**Clarisse Morris**

**SPEAKER**

Manager Market Shaping & Partnerships, The  
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis &  
Malaria, Switzerland



**Abdulhalim  
M. Mzale**

**SPEAKER**

General Manager  
of the Central  
Medical Stores  
Agency (CMSA),  
Tanzania



The discussion will highlight the challenges and opportunities African manufacturers face in reaching both African and international markets.

The speakers will explore market entry strategies, diversification pathways, and approaches to strengthening the visibility of local products.

**Sabri  
Djerroud**

**SPEAKER**

Director General of  
Hospital Central  
Pharmacy, Algeria



**Cyong Zou**

**SPEAKER**

Managing Director of Technical  
Cooperation and Sustainable Industrial  
Development of UNIDO, Austria



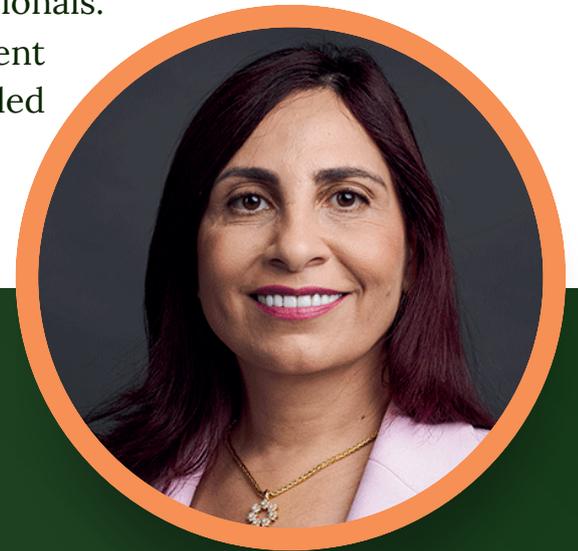
# “Developing Human Capital to Meet Industry Needs”

Focus will be placed on the critical role of workforce development in advancing local production. Speakers will explore strategies for strengthening technical and leadership capacities, highlighting how targeted training programs can build a pipeline of qualified professionals.

They will also examine ways to address persistent staffing shortages and ensure a sustainable, skilled workforce for Africa’s pharmaceutical industry.

## **Hanan Sboul** MODERATOR

Secretary General, Jordanian Association of  
Pharmaceutical Manufacturers, Jordan



## **Reda Djidjik** SPEAKER

Dean of the Faculty of  
Pharmacy, Algeria



## **Nico Vandaele** SPEAKER

Professor of Operations  
Research and Operations  
Management, Access-To-  
Medicines Research Centre,  
Belgium



## **Merzak Ghernaout** SPEAKER

Rector of the University  
of Health Sciences,  
Algeria



## **David Woo** SPEAKER

Technical Officer at World Health  
Organization – WHO, Switzerland

# PARALLEL WORKSHOP

Session N°2 – Catalyzing Investments for Sustainable Local Production

## “Innovating Mechanisms to Increase Access to Capital & Financing”



**Omar Rekkache**

**MODERATOR**

Director General of the Algerian Investment Promotion Agency, Algeria

This session will highlight the importance of coordinated approaches to financing local production. Speakers will discuss strategies for aligning various funding sources, leveraging public-private partnerships, and creating an investment environment that supports sustainable growth.



**Frank Muonemeh**

**SPEAKER**

CEO/ Executive Secretary, Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Group of Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (PMGMAN), Nigeria



**Rahel Lyes**

**SPEAKER**

Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health, Algeria



**Fares Bachtarzi**

**SPEAKER**

Representative of the National Union of the Pharmacy Operators, Algeria



**Nair Analdina Silveil Epalanga Neto**

**SPEAKER**

General Manager of the Central Purchasing and Supply of Medicines and Medical Resources (CECOMA),

# “Financing Local Production Along the Value Chain”

Financing the full value chain will be a central theme, covering all stages from research and development to manufacturing and distribution. Speakers will discuss financing solutions that provide access to capital throughout the entire production process and market supply.



## **Dèhoumen Louis Kpukpemedji**

**SPEAKER**

Director General of the Beninese company of the Supply of health products (SBAPS), Benin



## **Payet Thierry Gervais Ralaizarizafy**

**SPEAKER**

Finance Director, general manager of central purchasing office for medicines SALAMA, Madagascar



## **Abdullah KH Almusaibeeh**

**SPEAKER**

President of Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), Sudan



## **Dorcas Noertoft**

**SPEAKER**

Chief, Procurement Services Supply Division, UNICEF, Denmark



## **Frank Muonemeh**

**MODERATOR**

CEO/ Executive Secretary, Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Group of Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (PMGMAN), Nigeria

# “Investing in Biosimilars: Unlocking Opportunities for Local Production”

In a context where health and pharmaceutical sovereignty has become a priority for many governments, particularly in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, attention is increasingly turning to improving patient care especially for individuals with cancer, through the use of biological medicines, notably targeted therapies. This issue is becoming even more relevant given that biosimilars are highly similar versions of original biologic products and are significantly more affordable than their reference counterparts.



**Adda Bounejdar**

**MODERATOR**

Professor, President of Commission for  
Cancer Prevention and Control, Algeria



**Aletta Petronella  
Susarah Terblanche**

**SPEAKER**

CEO, Afrigen Biologics and  
Vaccines, South Africa



**Rowan  
Ahmed**

**SPEAKER**

Health Industry  
project coordinator,  
UNIDO, Austria



**Abdelouahed  
Kerrar**

**SPEAKER**

President of the National  
Union for Pharmaceutical  
Operators, Algeria

# “Health security: local procurement as a catalyst for local production and sustainable access to health interventions”

This session will explore how artificial intelligence can enhance local pharmaceutical and health technology manufacturing in Africa. Discussions will focus on practical AI applications that improve efficiency, quality, and supply chain performance, as well as the partnerships and policies needed to support digital transformation and sustainable growth.



**Dorcas Noertoft**  
MODERATOR

Chief, Procurement Services Supply Division, UNICEF, Denmark



**Derrar Faouzi**  
SPEAKER

Director General of Pasteur Institute, Algeria



**Marie Roseline Darnycka Belizaire**  
SPEAKER

Regional Emergencies Director, World Health Organization, AFRO, Republic of the Congo



**Abdallah Makhlof**  
SPEAKER

Regional Chief of Supply, UNICEF MENA, Amman



**Tesfaye Hailemichael**  
SPEAKER

Head of Supply chain, Management division Africa CDC, Ethiopia



**Joel Odoh**  
SPEAKER

President of the Nigerian Association of Patent and Proprietary Medicine Dealers (NAPPMED), Nigeria



**Sofiane Salah**  
SPEAKER

Professor, member of the Scientific Council of the National Agency for Sanitary Security, Algeria

# PARALLEL WORKSHOP

Session N°3 – Transforming Local  
Manufacturing with AI and the digital  
revolution in the health products industry

## “AI-Powered Innovation: Transforming Local Manufacturing Processes”

### **Abdelmalik Bachir** MODERATOR

Director of the National School of  
Advanced Artificial Intelligence  
(ENSIA), Algeria



### **Sid-Ahmed BERRANI** SPEAKER

Professor in Artificial Intelligence, Ecole Nationale  
Supérieure d'Intelligence Artificielle (ENSIA),  
Algeria



### **Janet Byaruhanga** SPEAKER

Senior Programme Officer, Health, AUDA-NEPAD



Exploring how AI can drive innovation in local production will be at the core of this panel, with insights into automation, quality monitoring, and predictive maintenance. Panelists will present case studies of both successful and unsuccessful implementations and outline strategies for overcoming adoption hurdles.

# “Data-Driven Decision Making: Leveraging Digitalization in Local Production”

As digital transformation becomes essential to modern pharmaceutical systems, this session will examine how data-driven decision-making can strengthen local production. Speakers will explore the use of AI and digital tools for data collection, analysis, and visualization across the entire value chain—from R&D to distribution.



**Chaibou Salaou**

**SPEAKER**

Director General of the National Office of  
Pharmaceutical and Chemical Products, Nigeria

**Nico Vandaele**

**SPEAKER**

Professor of Operations Research and Operations  
Management, Access-To-Medicines Research Centre,  
Belgium



**Albert Tuyishime**

**SPEAKER**

Head of Diseases Prevention and Control  
Department, Rwanda Biomedical Centre, Rwanda

**Adi Nuseirat**

**SPEAKER**

Technical Officer, Access to  
Pharmaceuticals, World Health  
Organization Regional Office for Eastern  
Mediterranean, Egypt



**Kamel Boukhalfa**

**MODERATOR**

Professor in Big Data and Artificial Intelligence,  
National Higher School of Artificial Intelligence,  
Algeria

# “Traceability of local medical products as tool to fight against the counterfeit medicines in Africa”



**John Kachimba**

**MODERATOR**

Director General, Zambia and Medical Supply Agency, Ministry of health, Zambia

Given the ongoing challenges posed by counterfeit medicines, this session will explore effective strategies for mitigation and prevention across Africa.

The discussion will also cover how digital tools can be leveraged to improve traceability, strengthen regulatory oversight, and ensure the integrity and security of pharmaceutical supply chains.



**Mohamed Ismail**  
SPEAKER

Team Leader, Medicines, WHO/AFRO,  
Republic of the Congo



**Mehdi Amrouni**  
SPEAKER

Ministry of pharmaceutical industry, Algeria



**Kalha Komal**  
SPEAKER

Deputy Director Intellectual property and  
Trade at IFPMA, Switzerland



**Frank Muonemeh**  
SPEAKER

CEO/ Executive Secretary, Pharmaceutical  
Manufacturers Group of Manufacturers  
Association of Nigeria (PMGMAN), Nigeria



**Dorcas Noertoft**  
SPEAKER

Chief, Procurement Services Supply Division,  
UNICEF, Denmark

# PLENARY SESSION

## “Bridging the Industry-Financing Gap”

This session will explore the challenges and opportunities related to financing local production of medicines and other health technologies across Africa. Discussions will highlight innovative mechanisms for collaboration between governments, financial institutions, and industry stakeholders to strengthen the continent’s health sovereignty. Speakers will share insights on how to attract sustainable investments and foster a resilient, competitive industrial ecosystem.

**Mamessilé Assih**

**MODERATOR**

Director General of central  
purchasing office for medicines  
and medical, Togo





## **Bruno Casella**

### **SPEAKER**

Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations  
Conference on Trade and Development,  
Switzerland



## **Foluke Olusegun**

### **SPEAKER**

Senior Program Officer, African  
Leaders Malaria Alliance, South  
Africa



## **Eric Nyirimigabo**

### **SPEAKER**

Head of Department, Food and  
Drug Authority, Rwanda

# PLENARY SESSION

“Innovating and  
Transferring  
Technology for Local  
Production”



**Jicui Dong**  
MODERATOR

Unit Head Local Production and  
Assistance Unit and WLPF  
Secretariat - World Health  
Organization, Switzerland

This session will examine strategies to foster innovation and enable effective technology transfer for the sustainable local production of medicines and health technologies in Africa. Speakers will explore collaborative models between public and private sectors, academia, and international partners to build local capacity and expertise. The discussion will highlight how innovation and technology transfer can drive industrial growth, enhance self-sufficiency, and improve access to essential health products.





## **Julie Makani**

### **SPEAKER**

Professor, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), United Republic of Tanzania



## **Aletta Petronella Susarah Terblanche**

### **SPEAKER**

CEO, Afrigen Biologics and Vaccines, South Africa



## **Guilherme Cintra**

### **SPEAKER**

Director, Innovation Policy, IFPMA, Switzerland



## **Amine Redouane Cherif**

### **SPEAKER**

Professor at the Department Head of Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmacy, Algeria

# “Member States and Stakeholders reflections on the ministerial conference”



**Ambassador Amma  
Twum-Amoah**

**MODERATOR**

Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian  
Affairs and Social Development, African  
Union Commission



This session will provide an opportunity for Member States and stakeholders to share insights, key takeaways, and commitments emerging from the Ministerial Conference. Discussions will reflect on collective progress, highlight lessons learned, and outline next steps to advance local production and health technology development across Africa.



**David Nahamya**  
SPEAKER

Secretary to the National  
Drug Authority, Uganda



**Boniface  
Machingauta**  
SPEAKER

Acting Director Pharmacy  
Services, Ministry of  
Health and Child Care,  
Zimbabwe



**Reda Belkacemi**  
SPEAKER

Ministry of Pharmaceutical  
Industry, Algeria

# PARALLEL WORKSHOP

Session N°4 – Strategic approaches to accelerate regional API development and Manufacturing in Africa

As APIs account for a major portion of pharmaceutical manufacturing costs and are still widely imported across Africa local producers face increased expenses that affect the price of finished products. This session will examine the feasibility of strengthening API production capacities in Africa and the challenges such initiatives must overcome.

“Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) production: From research and development laboratories to finished products”

## **Olubunmi Aribéana** MODERATOR

Director Food, Drugs and Services , Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria



## **Hannes Malan** SPEAKER

Managing Director,  
Chemical Process  
Technologies Pharma,  
South Africa



## **Imen Belabes** SPEAKER

Ministry of Pharmaceutical  
Industry, Algeria



## **Abdelhakim Boudis** SPEAKER

Professor et the Faculty of  
Health Sciences, Expert in the  
Ministry of Pharmaceutical  
Industry, Algeria



**Muyi Aina**  
SPEAKER

Director General of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration Control (NPHCDA), Nigeria



**Tania Vujia Sitolie**  
SPEAKER

President Board of Directors, National Medicine Regulatory Authority, Mozambique



**Lawrence Ookeditse**  
SPEAKER

Assistant Minister of Health, Botswana



**Nabila Benygzer**  
SPEAKER

CEO of SAIDAL Group, Algeria



**Marzouk Mamou**  
SPEAKER

Professor at Mouloud Mammeri University of Tizi-Ouzou, Department of Pharmacy and Expert at the Ministry of Pharmaceutical Industry, Algeria

**“API manufacturing in Africa: Manufacturers’ perspectives”**



**Bouabidi Amer**

**MODERATOR**

International Expert in the Pharmaceutical Industry, Algeria

During this panel, speakers will be invited to share their perspectives and experiences related to API manufacturing in Africa. They will discuss the realities faced by manufacturers, the opportunities for expanding local production, and the challenges that must be addressed to strengthen the continent’s API capabilities.

# PARALLEL WORKSHOP

“Building Ever-Ready  
Capacity Through Scalable  
Manufacturing”

Session N°5 –  
Scaling  
Manufacturing  
and Predicting  
for Enhancing  
Pandemic  
Preparedness  
and Response



**Parfait Oubounou  
Ntoma**

**MODERATOR**

General adjoint director of the  
National Pharmaceutical office  
(OPNG)



**Themba Khumalo**

**CO-MODERATOR**

Secretary General of the  
AfCFTA, Directeur-Private  
Sector Unit, Ghana

A discussion on building reliable, always-on production capabilities to support stronger, more responsive health systems and ensure continuity even in times of disruption.

**Mohamed Ismail**

**SPEAKER**

Team Leader, Medicines,  
WHO/AFRO



**Tania Vujia Sitolie**

**SPEAKER**

President Board of Directors,  
National Medicine Regulatory  
Authority, Mozambique



**Marie Roseline  
Darnycka Belizaire**

**SPEAKER**

Regional Emergencies Director,  
World Health Organization, AFRO,  
Republic of the Congo



**Kamel Senhadji**

**SPEAKER**

Professor, President of National  
Health Security Agency, Algeria



# “Ensuring Demand Predictability and Generation for Effective Response”



**Carlos Manuel de Carvalho Rodrigues**

**SPEAKER**

Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development, African Union Commission



**Adama Thiam**

**SPEAKER**

Head of Emergency Operations & Logistics Support for WHO Emergencies Africa, Ethiopia



An exchange on tools and strategies to improve demand visibility, align supply with real needs, and reinforce overall health sector preparedness.



**Bouchra  
Bouhannache**

**SPEAKER**

President of the Observatory on  
the Availability of Pharmaceutical  
Products, Algeria



**Fourar Djamel**

**SPEAKER**

General Director of Health  
Prevention and promotion,  
Ministry of Health, Algeria



**Dorcas  
Noertoft**

**MODERATOR**

Chief, Procurement Services  
Supply Division, UNICEF, Denmark

# PLENARY SESSION

## Review and finalization of the Algiers Declaration

A concluding session dedicated to refining the Algiers Declaration, reaching consensus, and marking the moment with a cultural highlight.



## **Themba Khumalo**

### **MODERATOR**

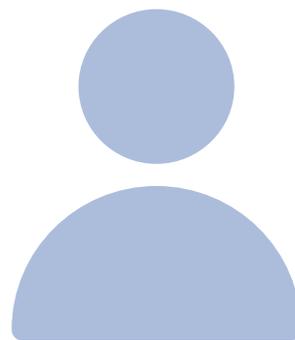
Secretary General of the AfCFTA,  
Directeur-Private Sector Unit,  
Ghana



## **M. Afonso da Silva Vicente**

### **CO-MODERATOR**

Director of the Cabinet of the  
Secretary of State , Ministry of  
Health, Angola





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