

# Why the African medicines Agency? Why now?

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Wednesday, 10th March 2021, 4:20pm – 5:20pm EAT / 14:20 to 15:20 CET.

On the occasion of the **African Health Agenda International Conference (AHAIC) 2021**, we are **delighted to welcome you to a panel discussion** on the importance of establishing the **African Medicines Agency (AMA)**.

Two years after the treaty agreed to establish an African Medicines Agency, over 40 leading organizations called Heads of State and Government to ratify the Treaty as a matter of priority. Although there has been political support, legal commitment from more countries remains to be secured for the continent-wide regulatory agency to become a reality. The Treaty has so far been signed by 19 countries, but only 8 out of the necessary 15 have ratified it.

Following a multi-stakeholder [Call to AU Heads of State to Ratify the AMA Treaty](#), the session will bring patients, industry, product development partnerships and other public and private health stakeholders together to explain why the AMA is essential to optimize sustainability in the supply of medicinal and healthcare products for diseases disproportionately affecting Africa.

The **registration** is free of charge. Once registered, you will receive a link to RSVP to the sessions you are keen to attend: <https://2021conference.ahaic.org/en/registration>

The panel discussion is organized by **International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA)** and **International Alliance of Patients' Organizations (IAPO)**. French and English simultaneous interpretation will be available.

## ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA): IFPMA is the global association that represents over 40 research-based pharmaceutical companies and over 50 national and regional associations. Based in Geneva, IFPMA has official relations with the United Nations. Our mission is to promote policies, dialogues and initiatives that encourage the development of and patient access to medicines and vaccines globally as part of sustainable healthcare systems.

The International Alliance of Patients' Organizations (IAPO) is a unique global alliance representing patients of all nationalities across all disease areas and promoting patient-centred healthcare around the world. Our full members are patients' organizations working at

the international, regional, national and local levels to represent and support patients, their families and carers. Through IAPO's 300 members we represent 52 disease areas and over 71 countries. Everything we do is focused on promoting patient-centred healthcare

### ABOUT AHAIC

The Africa Health Agenda International Conference (AHAIC) 2021 is an African-led global convening, expected to attract over 1,800 delegates from over 40 countries, to discuss systems and innovations needed to enable Africa to achieve UHC.

With a virtual format and under the theme "Decade for Action: Driving Momentum to Achieve UHC in Africa", AHAIC 2021 is co-convened by **Amref Health Africa, Africa CDC, IFPMA, Johnson & Johnson, Roche and Takeda** and will focus on the greatest health challenges facing Africa, spotlighting diverse and dynamic voices from across sectors.

### ABOUT THE CONFERENCE HOST

The African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF) is a non-governmental organization founded and based in Africa with 50 years' experience in health development. Implementing projects through country programs in Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania, Southern Sudan, and South Africa while providing training and consulting support to 30 more countries, it is one of the continent's leading research organizations. AMREF's mission is to ensure that every African can enjoy the right to good health by helping to create vibrant networks of informed communities that work with empowered care providers in strong health systems.