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AU SIDE EVENT MEDIA INVITE

- WHAT** AU SIDE EVENT ON SUSTAINABLE VACCINE MANUFACTURING THROUGH END-TO-END VACCINE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN AFRICA
- WHO** ORGANIZED JOINTLY BY THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA, INTERNATIONAL VACCINE INSTITUTE, AND THE AFRICA CDC
- WHEN** 18TH FEBRUARY 2024
- WHERE** HYATT REGENCY (REGENCY BALL ROOM), ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA
- TIME** 7.00- 9.30 AM

The Government of Kenya, International Vaccine Institute (IVI), and the Africa CDC are united in co-hosting a breakfast event on the margins of the 37th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union on the **18th of February 2024**, gathering key stakeholders, including government officials, public health experts, pharmaceutical industry leaders, and international partners. Co-sponsored by AU member states, this side event addresses global health challenges, advocating for an integrated vaccine ecosystem in Africa executed through end-to-end vaccine research and development projects.

The primary objective of this side event is to introduce the advantages and profits of end-to-end project-driven vaccine initiatives while emphasizing the need for a self-sufficient and sustainable vaccine ecosystem in Africa.

The purpose of this brief is to invite your media house to cover the event. Please find the concept note and tentative agenda attached herewith. Kindly confirm your attendance by completing this registration form: <https://bit.ly/side-event-kenya-ivi-africacdc>.

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CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND:

Vaccines are crucial for global health, saving lives, and bolstering communities in the prevention and control of infectious diseases. While COVID-19 catalyzed swift advancements in vaccine innovation, the pandemic revealed disparities in access. Increasing vaccination in low- and middle-income countries could have significantly reduced deaths. Climate change exacerbates the threat of outbreaks, further impacting resource-limited nations.

With Africa currently producing less than 1% of its vaccine needs, the imperative to invest in self-sufficient vaccine industries tailored to local needs is evident and urgently requires attention. One of the key enablers is to foster the vaccine ecosystem from capacity-building to access, delivery, and uptake, thereby accelerating relevant solutions for vaccine self-sufficiency in Africa.

In this regard, the Government of Kenya, the International Vaccine Institute (IVI), and the Africa CDC are united in co-hosting a breakfast event on the margins of the 37th Ordinary Session on the 18th of February 2024, gathering key stakeholders including government officials, public health experts, pharmaceutical industry leaders, and international partners. Co-sponsored by AU member states, this side event addresses global health challenges, advocating for an integrated vaccine ecosystem in Africa executed through end-to-end vaccine research and development projects.

OBJECTIVE:

The primary objective of this side event is to introduce the advantages and profits of end-to-end project-driven vaccine initiatives while emphasizing the need for a self-sufficient and sustainable vaccine ecosystem in Africa. We also aim to share experiences and insights of African vaccine manufacturing institutions, regulators, financiers, and international stakeholders across research and development, regulatory affairs, capacity-building and technology transfer, access and market shaping, who will be essential players in a vaccine manufacturing ecosystem with continental vaccine self-sufficiency as the final objective.

DESIRED OUTCOME:

This event aims to garner support and commitment from Heads of States and Governments as well as key stakeholders, fostering partnerships that will contribute to the success of end-to-end project-driven initiatives. By the end of the session, a joint statement will be signed by the African Heads of States and Governments present in the meeting and participants should gain a clear understanding of the potential impact of end-to-end project-driven initiatives on vaccine research, development, and manufacturing in Africa.



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TENTATIVE AGENDA

Time	Session	Speakers
Session one-Official Opening		
07.00-07.40 am	Welcome Remarks (5min)	Cabinet Secretary for Health, Kenya
	Remarks from IVI Board of Trustees Chairperson (pre-recorded video) (3 min)	Chairperson, IVI Board of Trustees
	African Initiative for Vaccine Development to strengthen end-to-end research and development vaccine manufacturing ecosystem in Africa (10 min)	DG, IVI
	Vision of local manufacturing as the second independence of Africa (5 min)	DG, Africa CDC
	Key Note Speech (5 Min)	AfDB President
	Key Note Speech (5min)	AUC Chairperson
	Key Note Speech (5min)	H.E. the President of the Republic of Kenya
Session Two-Panel Discussion		
07.40-07.50 am	Remarks on AU Health Strategy (3 min)	AU Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian & Social Development
	PAVM Progress and Update To-Date (7 min)	PAVM Coordinator
Panel Discussion		
07.50-08.50 am	<p>Moderated Panel Discussion with Q&A Session on the pillars of the vaccine manufacturing ecosystem for fostering stakeholder's collaboration and coordination:</p> <p>(40 minutes) + Q&A (20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research & Development • Regulatory Affairs • Capacity Building and Technology Transfer • Access and Market Shaping • Financing 	Representatives for African vaccine manufacturing institutions; regulators; financiers and international stakeholders DDG, IVI
Section Three-Summary and Signing		
08.50-09.30 am	Signing Ceremony of the Joint Statement (30min)	Cabinet Secretary for Health Kenya and DG, IVI
	Summary of Key Takeaways, Vote of Thanks and Closing Remarks (10 Minutes)	