

# VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

## EXPANDING AFRICA'S VACCINE MANUFACTURING

### THEME

### AFRICA'S VACCINE MANUFACTURING CAPACITY FOR HEALTH SECURITY



A critical lesson that Africa has learned from the COVID-19 pandemic is the need to invest in and build its own capacity and capabilities for **manufacturing of vaccines**.

The continent's low manufacturing capability **exposes Africans to supply chain risks** such as the one experienced with the current COVID-19 vaccine challenges. Expanding African manufacturing will clearly have a **significant public health impact** and **economic benefits** for the continent.

Against this background, His Excellency Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union

Commission, will be convening a virtual conference to be co-chaired by H.E. Félix Tshisekedi, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Chairperson of the African Union, and H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa and COVID-19 champion for Africa, to discuss **expanding Africa's vaccine manufacturing to achieve a New Public Health Order** for its health and economic security.

The conference will inform the AU in charting a vision and roadmap to accelerating African vaccine manufacturing.



**Monday 12th and  
Tuesday 13th April 2021**



**13:00 – 19:00 (EAT)  
on both days**

### To register:

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