

## السادة أعضاء جمعية رجال الأعمال المصريين الأفارقة المحترمين

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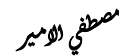
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# Pharmaceuticals, Healthcare Services and Medical Equipment Workgroup Meeting

*Green Pharmaceutical Manufacturing in COMESA: From Concept to Practice*

## 1. Introduction to the Workgroup

A key approach of the COMESA Business Council (CBC) is the establishment of Technical Workgroups, which bring together businesses, industry associations, and key stakeholders within priority sectors to strengthen policy dialogue and private sector engagement.

The Pharmaceuticals, Healthcare, and Medical Equipment Workgroup is a key component of CBC's Trade and Industry Agenda, and pharmaceuticals are a key component under COMESA's Industrialization Strategy (2017-2026). The workgroup was designed to unite stakeholders across pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, medical consumables, and healthcare services within the COMESA region. Its mandate is to advocate for the development of a strong regional pharmaceutical and healthcare industry by supporting harmonized regulation, improved local manufacturing, and increased access to quality medical products. The Workgroup aligns private sector efforts with public health goals and regional self-sufficiency.

## 2. Background and Context

The COMESA region continues to face significant gaps in healthcare infrastructure, pharmaceutical manufacturing capacity, and access to essential medical equipment. As highlighted in the inaugural Workgroup meeting, Africa's healthcare sector is characterized by:

- Heavy reliance on imported pharmaceuticals and medical equipment
- Limited local manufacturing capacity
- Fragmented regulatory frameworks across countries
- Low levels of healthcare financing and investment
- Increasing demand driven by the rise of non-communicable diseases

In response, there is growing recognition of the importance of **Green Pharmaceutical Manufacturing (GPM)** as a pathway to building resilient, competitive, and sustainable pharmaceutical industries. GPM refers to the adoption of environmentally sustainable, resource-efficient, and low-emission practices across the pharmaceutical value chain. This includes the use of green chemistry, energy-efficient production processes, sustainable sourcing of raw materials, waste minimisation, and alignment with environmental, social, and governance (ESG) standards.

The COMESA Secretariat, through its Green Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Strategy and Business Plan (2026–2035), has identified GPM as a key driver of industrialisation, health security, and environmental sustainability in the region. The strategy highlights several challenges to the adoption of green manufacturing practices, including high upfront investment costs, limited access to financing and de-risking instruments, inadequate incentives, and gaps in technical capacity.

### Location

Virtual Meeting

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While policy frameworks are being developed at the regional level, there remains a need to build a shared understanding of Green Pharmaceutical Manufacturing among stakeholders and to ground these concepts in practical, private sector experiences. In particular, there is a need to better understand how companies are currently approaching green manufacturing, the challenges they face in implementation, and the types of support required to scale these efforts.

In this regard, the COMESA Business Council seeks to complement ongoing efforts by convening stakeholders to exchange experiences, identify key barriers and enablers, and explore opportunities for collaboration in advancing green pharmaceutical manufacturing within the region.

### Meeting Objective:

This meeting of the Pharmaceuticals, Healthcare Services and Medical Equipment Workgroup aims to:

- a) Build a shared understanding of green pharmaceutical manufacturing and its relevance for the COMESA region.
- b) Showcase practical experiences and approaches from companies implementing green manufacturing practices.
- c) Identify key challenges and enabling factors for advancing GPM, including policy, technical, and investment-related considerations.
- d) Explore initial opportunities for collaboration among private sector actors, policymakers, and regional institutions.

Register here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/WUH9dnu5RICKusWGeCrOxg>

<b>TENTATIVE AGENDA</b>		
<b>15:00- 15:05hrs</b>	<b>Opening of the meeting</b>	COMESA Business Council (CBC)
<b>15:05-15:10hrs</b>	<b>Brief Introductory Remarks</b>	Workgroup Chairperson
<b>15:10-15:25 hrs</b>	<b>Overview of the COMESA Green Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Strategy</b>	COMESA Secretariat
<b>15:25-15:40hrs</b>	<b>Industry Perspectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What GPM looks like in practice</li> <li>• Key drivers and motivations</li> <li>• Challenges faced in implementation</li> </ul>	TBC
<b>15:40-16:05hrs</b>	<b>Interactive Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q &amp; A</li> <li>• Private sector perspectives</li> </ul>	Workgroup Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
<b>16:05-16:10</b>	<b>Follow up Actions</b>	COMESA Business Council
<b>16:10-16:15hrs</b>	<b>Closing and next steps</b>	Workgroup Chairperson/ Vice Chairperson