



# REGIONAL HEALTH INVEST FORUM PROGRAM

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## THEME

**Strengthening Intra-OIC Trade and Investment  
in the Pharmaceutical Sector:  
From Strategy to Action**



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### DAY 1 – 13 JULY

08H30–09H00

#### OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

INSTITUTIONAL SPEECHES  
WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE ORGANIZERS  
PRESENTATION OF THE FORUM'S OBJECTIVES

09H00–10H30

#### INSTITUTIONAL PANEL

HEALTH SOVEREIGNTY, SUSTAINABLE FINANCING AND  
SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION IN AFRICA

10H30–11H00

#### EXHIBITION BOOTH TOUR

11H00–12H00

#### COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING SESSION

12H00–13H30

#### PANEL 2

INNOVATIVE FINANCING AND GLOBAL HEALTH:  
MOBILIZING SUSTAINABLE INSTRUMENTS TO  
STRENGTHEN HEALTH SYSTEM RESILIENCE

13H30–15H00

#### LUNCH & NETWORKING SESSION

16H30–18H30

#### ROUND TABLE 1

INVEST IN MAURITANIA



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### DAY 2 – 14 JULY

09H00 – 10H30

#### **PANEL 3**

INDUSTRIALIZATION AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION:  
TOWARDS A STRENGTHENED AFRICAN  
PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTION

09H00–10H30

#### **INSTITUTIONAL PANEL**

HEALTH SOVEREIGNTY, SUSTAINABLE FINANCING, AND  
SOUTH–SOUTH COOPERATION IN AFRICA

10H00 – 11H00

#### **COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING SESSION**

11H00 – 12H30

#### **PANEL 4**

REGULATORY HARMONIZATION, QUALITY AND SUPPLY  
CHAINS: BUILDING AN INTEGRATED AND SECURE  
AFRICAN PHARMACEUTICAL MARKET

12H30 – 14H00

#### **LUNCH & NETWORKING SESSION**

14H30 – 17H00

#### **DEAL ROOMS**

15H00 – 17H00

#### **ROUND TABLE 2**

AFRICAN PRIVATE SECTOR FUNDER: INVESTMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR

20H00

#### **GALA DINNER**

OFFICIAL ADDRESSES  
SIGNING OF AGREEMENTS  
AWARD CEREMONY  
CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT & HIGH-LEVEL NETWORKING



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### INSTITUTIONAL PANEL

**HEALTH SOVEREIGNTY,  
SUSTAINABLE FINANCING  
AND SOUTH–SOUTH  
COOPERATION IN AFRICA**

### DISCUSSION AXES:

- Strengthening Africa's health sovereignty. Developing local and regional production of pharmaceutical products, medical devices, and essential inputs.
- Mobilizing sustainable financing to support healthcare infrastructure, laboratories, research, and the pharmaceutical industry.
- Promoting South–South cooperation. Strengthening public–private partnerships.
- Harmonizing regulatory frameworks. Securing healthcare supply chains. Encouraging pooled procurement and regional pooling mechanisms.
- Aligning health initiatives with the AfCFTA and regional strategies to position health as a driver of economic integration and sustainable development in Africa.

**MODERATOR:** Representative of WHO

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Representative of BID

### SPEAKERS

1. Mauritanian Minister of Health
2. Saudi Arabian Minister of Health (KSA)
3. Pakistani Minister of Health
4. Moroccan Minister of Health
5. Director General of ICDT
6. WHO Regional Director for West and Central Africa
7. Representative of the African Development Bank (AfDB)
8. Representative of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)



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12H00–13H30

**PANEL 1**  
**INNOVATIVE FINANCING AND  
GLOBAL HEALTH: MOBILIZING  
SUSTAINABLE INSTRUMENTS  
TO STRENGTHEN HEALTH  
SYSTEM RESILIENCE**

### DISCUSSION AXES:

- Identify innovative financing mechanisms adapted to the needs of the healthcare sector;
- Mobilize development banks, financial institutions, private investors, and technical partners;
- Finance healthcare infrastructure, laboratories, logistics supply chains, and health surveillance systems;
- Support local and regional production of medicines, vaccines, and essential medical products;
- Promote public-private partnerships in the healthcare sector;
- Strengthen pandemic preparedness and health system resilience;
- Encourage the use of instruments such as blended finance, guarantees, health bonds, Sukuk, impact funds, Waqf, and Zakat.

**MODERATOR:** TBI

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Representative of BID

### SPEAKERS

1. Mauritanian Minister of Economic Affairs and Development
2. Director of Operations, Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)
3. Director of the Private Sector, African Development Bank (AfDB)
4. WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Region
5. President of Mauritanian Financial Institutions
6. Representative of the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC)
7. President of the Mauritanian Federation of Private Health Sector
8. President of the West African Federation of the Private Health Sector



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16H30–18H30

### ROUND TABLE 1

### INVEST IN MAURITANIA

#### DISCUSSION AXES:

- Promote Mauritania as a competitive investment destination by highlighting its economic, geographic, and strategic advantages.
- Present reforms and business opportunities in priority sectors: mining, energy, fishing, agriculture, health, industry, and digital technology.
- Facilitate public-private dialogue between policymakers, investors, financial institutions, and development partners.
- Identify obstacles to investment and propose concrete solutions to improve the business climate.
- Encourage strategic partnerships and foreign direct investment (FDI) that create jobs and local added value.
- Position Mauritania as a regional hub connecting North Africa, West Africa, and international markets.

#### MODERATOR:

Adama Wade,  
Publisher of Financial Afrik

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Director General  
of APIM

#### SPEAKERS

1. Mr. Samba Thiam, Economist and Special Envoy for Investment Promotion
2. Director of Public-Private Partnerships (PPP)
3. Chief Executive Officer of the Nouakchott Coastal Development Company
4. President of the Mauritanian National Employers' Federation
5. President of the Professional Banking Association of Mauritania
6. President of the Nouadhibou Free Zone Authority
7. Chief Executive Officer of the Mauritanian Guarantee Fund



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09H00 – 10H30

**PANEL 3**  
**INDUSTRIALIZATION AND  
REGIONAL INTEGRATION:  
TOWARDS A STRENGTHENED  
AFRICAN PHARMACEUTICAL  
PRODUCTION**

### DISCUSSION AXES:

- Promote local and regional production of medicines;  
Encourage investment in the African pharmaceutical industry;
- Strengthen regional integration of supply chains;  
Reduce dependence on imported medicines;
- Support the continent's health and industrial sovereignty.

### MODERATOR:

Dr. Hamoud Fadel Mohamed,  
Technical Advisor to the  
Mauritanian Minister of Health

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Director General of the  
Maghreb Bank for Investment  
and Foreign Trade (BMICE)

### SPEAKERS

1. Minister of Industry of Mauritania
2. Minister of Health of Nigeria
3. WHO Resident Representative in Mauritania
4. Representative of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat
5. Director General of the Mauritanian Investment Promotion Agency
6. Chief Executive Officer, MEDIS Pharmaceutical Group (Tunisia)
7. President of the Mauritanian Federation of the Private Health Sector
8. Chief Executive Officer, Indian Pharmaceutical Industry Company



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11H00 – 12H30

### PANEL 4

**HARMONISATION  
RÉGLEMENTAIRE, QUALITÉ ET  
CHAÎNES D'APPROVISIONNEMENT  
: BÂTIR UN MARCHÉ  
PHARMACEUTIQUE AFRICAIN  
INTÉGRÉ ET SÉCURISÉ**

### DISCUSSION AXES:

- Harmonization of pharmaceutical standards and registration procedures;
- Strengthening national medicines regulatory authorities;
- Mutual recognition of marketing authorizations;
- Quality control, pharmacovigilance, and fight against counterfeit medicines;
- Facilitation of regional trade in medicines within the AfCFTA framework;
- Development of reliable and secure pharmaceutical supply chains;
- Digitalization of medicine traceability systems;
- Cooperation between states, laboratories, regulators, and regional organizations.

**MODERATOR:** Director General of CNASS  
(National Health Insurance Fund)

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** High-Level Representative of the  
African Medicines Agency (AMA)

### SPEAKERS

1. WHO Representative
2. Director General of CAMEC (Central Purchasing Agency for Medicines, Medical Equipment and Consumables)
3. Representative of the Pharmaceutical Section of FOASPS
4. Dr. Ibrahima BA, International Expert in Pharmaceutical Regulation and Pharmaceutical Industry Development.
5. President of the Ivorian Federation of the Private Health Sector
6. Director General of the Institut Pasteur de Dakar
7. Representative of a logistics actor specialized in cold chain and medical distribution
8. Chief Executive Officer of Carrefour Médical Group (Senegal)



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15H00 – 17H00

### ROUND TABLE 2

**AFRICAN PRIVATE SECTOR  
FUNDER: INVESTMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES IN THE  
PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR**

### DISCUSSION AXES:

#### Axis 1: Financing and capital mobilization

Mobilization of funding (banks, funds, donors), support for SMEs and large-scale projects, and development of blended finance and risk-sharing mechanisms.

#### Axis 2: Production and industrialization

Strengthening local manufacturing (medicines, vaccines, medical devices), creation of industrial zones, and integration of African value chains.

#### Axis 3: Regulation and investment attractiveness

Harmonization of standards, strengthening health regulatory authorities, quality certification, and securing a stable legal framework for investors.

#### Axis 4: Innovation and R&D

International partnerships, development of research, biotechnology, digital health, and training of skilled talent.

#### Axis 5: Health sovereignty and supply chain

Securing supply chains, logistics development, crisis management, and reducing external dependency.

#### Axis 6: Investment opportunities

Identification of high-potential markets, growth of generics, vaccines, and medical equipment, and opportunities under the AfCFTA.

#### Axis 7: Public-private partnerships

Cooperation between governments, donors, and the private sector, structuring bankable projects, and private sector involvement in health policies.

**MODERATOR:** Director of the One-Stop Shop  
at APIM

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Mme Noma Bhebhe  
Coordinator, Investment and  
Financing Programme for the  
Health Sector in Africa (PIFAH)

### SPEAKERS

1. Pr. Yerim Mbagnick Diop Former Director of Pharmacy and Coordinator for the revival of the local pharmaceutical industry in Senegal
2. H.E. Amin Akadiri is the Executive Director/CEO of the West African Federation of Chambers & Commerce ( FEWACCI)
3. General Manager, King Pharma
4. FOASPS Representative
5. Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Representative
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14H30 – 17H00

DEAL ROOMS

### ACTIVITIES:

- Investor and industrial meetings.
- Presentation of priority projects.

20H00

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- Official speeches
- Signature of institutional partnerships.  
Memoranda of Understanding (MoU).
- Award ceremony
- Cultural entertainment & high-level networking



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