



# APH

African Pharma & Health  
Supplies Convention

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*African Pharma and Health Supplies Convention  
(Formerly EAPB)*

### 16 – 18 September

## CONCEPT NOTE

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### Preamble

#### Genesis of the East Africa Pharma & Biotech Platform (EAPB)

Conceptualized by **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)**, the **2023 and 2024** editions of EAPB were co-hosted by the **Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention** and the **Rwanda Biomedical Center, Government of Rwanda (GoR)**. Together, these foundational editions aligned regional stakeholders around biotechnology innovation, local manufacturing, and health security, laying the groundwork for structured collaboration across Africa’s pharmaceutical and biotech ecosystem.

The **2025** edition marked an expanded platform, co-hosted with **GHSCS**, and convened over 400 participants from across Africa and global institutions, strengthening EAPB’s role in partnership building, investment mobilization, and ecosystem development.

### Past Partners and Sponsors



The image displays a collection of logos for past partners and sponsors. The logos are arranged in a grid-like fashion. At the top left is AfricaCDC (Centres for Disease Control and Prevention). Next to it is the Rwanda Biomedical Centre (Rwanda Biomedical Centre) with the tagline 'Healthy People, Wealthy Nation'. To the right is the Global Health Supply Chain Summit. Below these are logos for German Cooperation (DEUTSCHE ZUSAMMENARBEIT), GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH), Invest for Jobs (Opportunities for Growth in Africa), and KFW. The next row includes Global Gateway, the European Union flag, République Française (Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité), and Expertise France (GROUPE AFD). The bottom row features the EAC Regional Centre of Excellence (FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, INNOVATION & HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT), UmuBio, and the Clinton Health Access Initiative.

# GLIMPSES OF EAST AFRICA PHARMA AND BIOTECH CONFERENCE 2025

EAPB 2025 (Co-hosted with GHSCS) converged stakeholders across value chain, featuring AMA, IFC, EU, RBC, RFDA and others



## Networking Session and Side Booths



## Vision of APH Convention

Building on the strong legacy of EAPB, the African Pharma and Health Supplies Convention (APH), will continue to be hosted in Rwanda and represents a strategic expansion of the platform's original mandate. The 2026 edition positions APH as a continental forum engaging all African regions to strengthen manufacturing capabilities, human capital, innovation ecosystems, regulatory and policy frameworks, and access to capital across the pharmaceutical and biotech value chain.

Through focused technical dialogue, partnership building, and actionable pathways for industrial growth, APH now serves as an African convergence platform addressing shared priorities in pharmaceutical, vaccine, medical device, and diagnostics manufacturing.

By convening policymakers, regulators, manufacturers, scientists, investors, and development partners, APH supports Africa's journey toward health security, industrial transformation, and innovation-led growth, catalyzing the partnerships and structural reforms needed to build a resilient, competitive, and regionally integrated pharmaceutical and biotech ecosystem.

## Objectives

### **African Pharma and Health Supplies convergence platform**

A unified platform convening pharma and biotech stakeholders across Africa to drive regionally grounded and continent-wide impact

### **Highlight Ongoing Key Initiatives on Capacity Development**

Showcase and amplify transformative initiatives strengthening Africa's health and biotech capacity.

### **Learning & Networking Opportunities**

Enable knowledge exchange and meaningful connections among diverse ecosystem actors.

### **Cross-stakeholder Ideation**

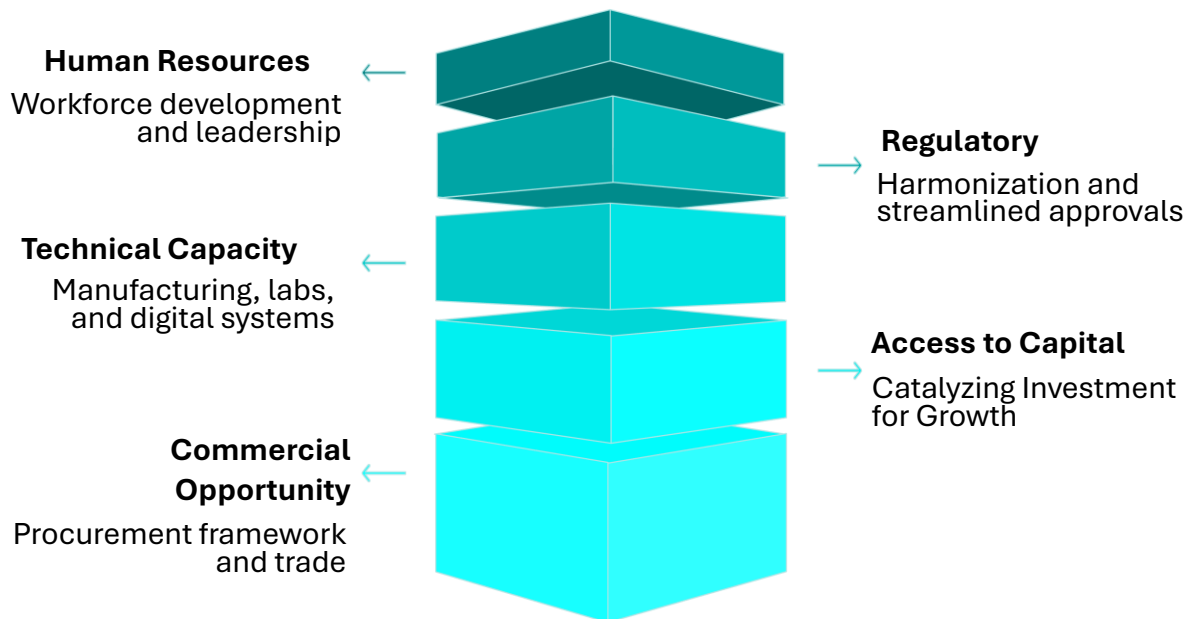
Foster collaborative thinking to co-create scalable, high-impact solutions by providing a platform enabling interactions across all stakeholders

### **Strategic Partnerships**

Catalyse strategic partnerships that accelerate innovation, investment, and sustainable growth of regional manufacturing

## Thematic Pillars

In alignment with continental priorities and major global funders investing in Africa’s health and biotech ecosystem, APH 2026 will be structured around five strategic pillars, reflecting an all-encompassing breadth across the full spectrum of health products including pharma, biotech, vaccines, diagnostics, medical devices and health supplies.



With a strong full value chain focus, the conference will address the entire health innovation lifecycle—from early-stage research and product development to manufacturing, regulatory approval, distribution, and market access for ensuring sustainable, scalable, and system-wide impact across Africa.

### 1. Human Resources

Critical to ensure availability of skilled GMP, R&D, quality, and leadership talent needed to operate, scale, and sustain regional pharma and biotech manufacturing without long-term reliance on external expertise.

### 2. Regulatory

Enables in reducing market fragmentation, lower compliance costs, accelerate time-to-market, and enable cross-border manufacturing and clinical development through predictable, harmonized regulatory pathways.

### 3. Technical Capacity and Infrastructure

Critical to achieve economies of scale, consistent product quality, and regional production resilience through shared GMP facilities, clinical networks, and enabling R&D and digital infrastructure

### 4. Access to Capital

Supporting the capital-intensive nature of pharmaceutical and biotech manufacturing by de-risking investments, enabling technology transfer, and financing facility development and scale-up.

### 5. Market Development and Commercial Opportunity

Creating sufficient demand, regional scale, and commercial certainty through integrated markets, pooled procurement, and stronger private sector participation to sustain local manufacturing.

## Program Format

APH 2026 will feature a diverse and engaging program format designed to maximize learning, collaboration, and partnership development:



#### Keynotes and Speaker Session

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High-level presentations from industry leaders, policymakers, and global health experts



#### Panel Discussions

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Interactive dialogues bringing together diverse perspectives on critical issues



#### Workshops & Side-Meetings

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Deep-dive technical sessions and bilateral partnership discussions



#### Site Visits

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On-site tours of pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities and research centers

## Opportunity to collaborate

### Become a Sponsor



Partner with us to advance Africa's health innovation ecosystem. Explore tailored sponsorship packages designed to maximize your impact and visibility

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### Organize a Side Event



Leverage the conference platform to convene stakeholders around your strategic priorities. We welcome proposals for workshops, roundtables, and networking sessions

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### Register Now



Join leaders, innovators, and policymakers shaping the future of pharmaceutical and biotech innovation across Africa.

#### Registration Fees:

- Early Bird: \$250
- Post Early Bird: \$350
- Group Registrations: \$200 per person  
Contact us for group registration details