

UNGA HIGH LEVEL SIDE EVENT

“The fight for quality medicines in Africa – stopping falsified, substandard medicines”

Wednesday 26 September 2018

Time: 14:00–15:30

Location: African Union conference Center, 346 E 50th St, New York, NY 10022, USA

Co-Chairs: HE Mr. Patrice Guillaume Athanase Talon, President of the Republic of Benin and HE Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia.

Organizers: The event is organized by Member States with support from the African Union Commission and the World Health Organization

Objective

To mobilize Member States and partners to consolidate efforts in the fight against substandard and falsified medical products and provide high-level political support.

Specific Objectives

- (a) To highlight the implications of international regulations on the movement of medicines and other health products.
- (b) To address issues of International partnership, cross-borders collaboration and multi-sectoral approaches against substandard and falsified medical products.
- (c) To discuss effective policy options and show-case the salient examples of political leadership to efficiently fight against substandard and falsified medical products.

Participants

Heads of State, country delegations, the African Union Commission, WHO, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNFPA, FAPMA, IFPMA, the NEPAD Agency, Pan African Parliament, Chirac Foundation, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Bank Group, the African Development Bank Group, United States Pharmacopoeia, Paul Ehrlich Institute, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, Civil Society organizations, Regional Economic Communities, Heads of regulatory agencies in China, India and Turkey are invited to participate in the high level side-event.

During this side-event the Heads of State will highlight concrete examples of and experiences in political leadership in the fight against substandard and falsified medical products and provide guidance on the way forward. The event is co-convened by the Republic of Benin and the Republic of Zambia. The African Union will share the insights of the continental agenda, which promotes and builds on the quality medical products. Partners and participants will contribute to the discussions and champion implementation of the quality medical products agenda.



Time	Title of presentation	Speaker
14:00–14:05	Introduction of the session	HE Amira El Fadil Commissioner for Social Affairs of the AUC
14:05–14:15	Opening remarks	HE Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia
14:15–14:20	WHO remarks	Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director General, WHO
14:20–14:25	Statement by the Chairperson of the African Union	HE Mr. Paul Kagame, Chairperson of the African Union, President of the Republic of Rwanda
14:25–12:35	Leveraging political leadership to address substandard and falsified medical products	HE Mr. Patrice Guillaume Athanase Talon, President of the Republic of Benin
14:35–14:45	Increasing investments in national regulatory systems to sustain efforts against substandard and falsified medical products	HE Mr. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya
14:45–14:55	Promoting multi-sectoral approaches and empowering communities against substandard and falsified medical products	HE Mr. Hage Gottfried Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia
High Level Discussion		
14:55–15:20	Open discussion	Moderator: Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa
15:20–15:25	Closing remarks	HE Mr. Patrice Guillaume Athanase Talon, President of the Republic of Benin
15:25–15:30	Group Photo	

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