



## Media Advisory

### ***The African Medicines Regulatory Harmonisation - A foundation for the African Medicines Agency***

#### **Event: The 3<sup>rd</sup> African Medicines Regulatory Harmonisation Week (3<sup>rd</sup> AMRH Week)**

The African Union Development Agency – NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD) in collaboration with the African Union Commission (AUC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) is organising the Third African Medicines Regulatory Harmonisation Week (3<sup>rd</sup> AMRH Week) which is taking place under the theme; *The African Medicines Regulatory Harmonization - A foundation for the African Medicines Agency*. The event is hosted by the Ministry of Health Ghana with the support of the Food and Drugs Authority Ghana.

The inaugural AMRH week took place in Kigali, Rwanda in December of 2018 as a celebration of a decade of AMRH and it was a key platform for stakeholder coordination and collaboration. The 2<sup>nd</sup> AMRH Week took place during a global health crisis due to COVID-19, but it was a highly successful event which was well attended by over 120 stakeholders discussing strategies for regulatory preparedness and response during public health emergencies.

This year's AMRH Week will showcase how the AMRH governance structure has worked with National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and partners collaboratively, innovatively and adaptatively during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure access to health products and towards the operationalisation of the African Medicines Agency which came into force on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2021. The event will also highlight the role of AMRH Technical Committees in providing support for local vaccine production through collaboration with the Partnerships for Vaccine Manufacturing (PAVM) structures.

**Dates: 5 to 9 December 2022 (Media encouraged to attend the Opening Ceremony on 8 December )**

**Venue:** Labadi Beach Hotel, Accra, Ghana

**Speakers:** Speakers at the opening ceremony on 8 December 2022 will include Ms Nardos Bekele Thomas, CEO of AUDA-NEPAD, H.E. Amb Minata Samaté Cessouma, Commissioner of Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development AUC, Honourable Kwaku Agyemang-Manu, Minister of Health Ghana & Chairperson, AMA Conference of States Parties and other senior level officials from the World Health Organisation, AU member states, RECs, and partners.

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