

*Towards Italy's 2024 Presidency of the G7*

## Health product manufacturing in Africa: towards pandemic preparedness and equity

Hybrid event

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*The Covid-19 pandemic highlighted the long-running global inequalities that affect access to health products, as exemplified by the unequal rates at which vaccines were distributed across high-income and low-income countries, leaving the African continent particularly exposed to health threats. In order to bridge this gap and achieve greater pandemic preparedness, a series of initiatives has been launched by national, regional and international actors to accelerate the production of health products on the continent. How can these initiatives work together to reach the common goal of health equity and pandemic preparedness, and how can G7 countries, under the lead of the Italian Presidency, continue to support these efforts in 2024?*

## AGENDA

### 15.30 Introductory remarks

**ETTORE GRECO**

Executive Vice President and Head of programme, Multilateralism & Global Governance, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

**FRANCESCA BELLI**

Director, Focus Equality

### 15.40 Keynote speech

**MARCO GIUNGI**

Head of Unit, Strategy, Global Processes, International Organisations, Directorate-General for Development Cooperation, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

### 15.50 Session 1 – Challenges in building an African health product industry: a multi-stakeholder perspective

**ENRICO COSTA**

Head, International Affairs Department, Italian Medicines Agency

**JACKSON NDIRITU NDEGWA**

Head, Health Systems and Policy, KANCO

**RACHEL SILVERMAN BONNIFIELD**

Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development

### 16.20 Session 2 – Making it real: current efforts in boosting African health product manufacturing

**RANNA EARDLEY-PATEL**

Manufacturing and Supply Chain Division, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)

**EDUARD MOLNAR**

Head of Donor Relations and Campaigns, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

**NICAISE NDEMBI**

Head, Partnerships for African Vaccine Manufacturing, and Head, Science Office, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention

**FRANÇOISE VANNI**

Head, External Relations and Communications, The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

*Moderator:*

**IRENE PAVIOTTI**

Junior Researcher, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

### 17.00 Q&A with the audience

### 17:20 Closing remarks

**FRANCESCA MANNO**

Director, Office VII Global Public Goods, International Financial Relations Directorate, Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance

### 17:30 Cocktail reception