

"Co-creating the future of the African Medicines Agency"

Thank you for the floor ,

Distinguished participants, all protocols observed.

I am Moussa FOFANA, representing the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation (IPSF).

The IPSF is one of the oldest student federations, representing more than 500,000 students and recent graduates in more than 100 countries.

As a young pharmacists and future pharmacists, but also as a representative of the voice of young people, we believe in an ideal, and this ideal is nothing other than (The right to health for all),

This right to health includes timely access to acceptable health care of satisfactory quality at an affordable cost. Of course, to be able to talk about quality health care we will talk about quality medicines.

The IPSF in its action plan conducts awareness campaigns in the fight against fake medicines and lower quality medicines.

We believe in an Africa without fake medicines,

we believe in a fast and secure supply system, we believe in a robust regulatory system.

No need to remind you of the lessons that the pandemic has given us, unavailability of some basic drugs, for frequent pathologies, inequality in the sharing of vaccines and many others.

We think here is not a place to recall all this rather a place to encourage and congratulate a project that will solve all the problems mentioned.

This is the creation of an African medicines agency.

We support the creation of AMA which will even achieve one of the Sustainable Development Goals, which is UHC.

UHC is based on the principle that all individuals and communities should have access to quality care without experiencing financial hardship, and this is perfectly in line with our ideal.

For this reason, the IPSF has not hesitated to join AMATA , which is an organization group whose The vision shared by all members is "Equitable access to quality, safe, efficacious medicines and technologies for a healthy Africa."

I would like to end with this quote from Kofi Annan and I quote "It's my aspiration that health finally be seen not as a blessing to be wished for but as human right to be fought for. And with the implementation of AMA health will not be blessing to be wished.

Thank you