

Priority products needed in Africa to deal with COVID-19



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Presentation outline

Products needed in Africa

Strengthening local manufacturing capacities

Monitoring & improving supply chains

Technology transfer of intellectual property

Streamlining regulatory decisions to fast-track access





Priority products needed for COVID-19

Top priority: PPE for health workers & diagnostics

WHO list of priority products for COVID-19

No validated treatment yet. International solidarity trial testing:

- remdesivir
- lopinavir and ritonavir
- lopinavir, ritonavir and interferon
- Chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine
- local standard of care

90+ countries

Antibiotics, paracetamol, parenterals

WHO COVID-19 commodity package







An opportunity to strengthen Africa's pharmaceutical industry



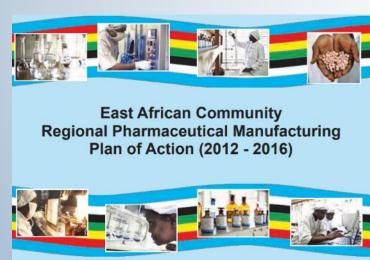


Tanzania Food and Drug Authority becomes first to reach level 3 of WHO benchmark

Progress in strengthening manufacturing capacities in Africa

Sub-regional strategies





Country progress



Opportunities









Monitoring COVID-19 supply chains

Global and regional: UN agencies coordinating large-scale procurement

Sub-regional: technical working groups on logistics and access (WFP), procurement and supply monitoring (UNICEF), health logistics (WHO)

Areas for action:

- Continental coordination to ensure subregional coherence
- National supply and logistics committees to monitor availability and forecast needs



Smart local production: boosting capacity of big manufacturing sites

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Reaching out to scale production e.g. Textile, Carpentry

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Re-purposing to manufacture e.g. oxygen supply, ventilators, hand sanitizer



Africa

The Kenyan factory that transformed into a surgical mask assembly line overnight



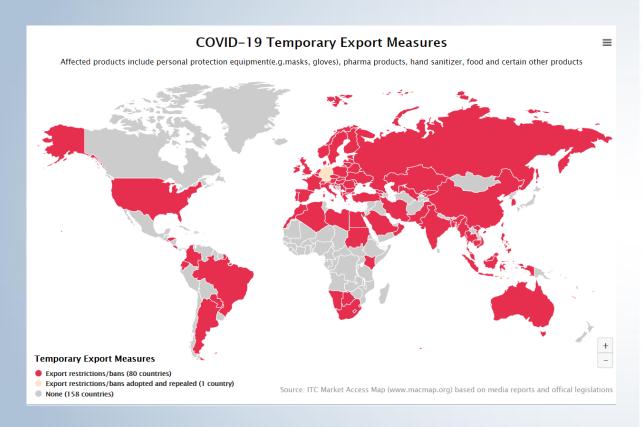
A worker produces face masks at the Kitui County Textile Center in Kitui, Kenya, on Tuesday. (Luis Tato/AFP/Getty Images)

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Improving supply chains



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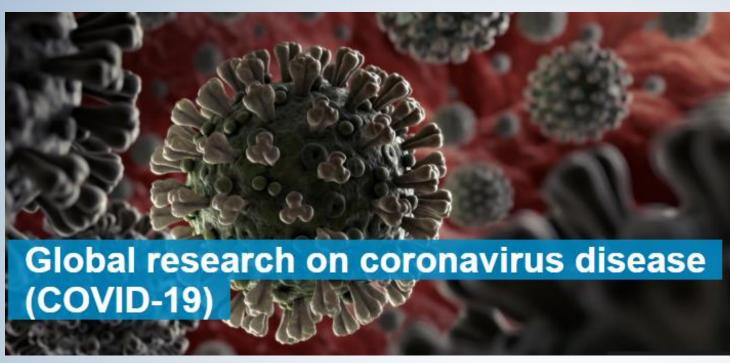
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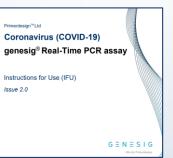


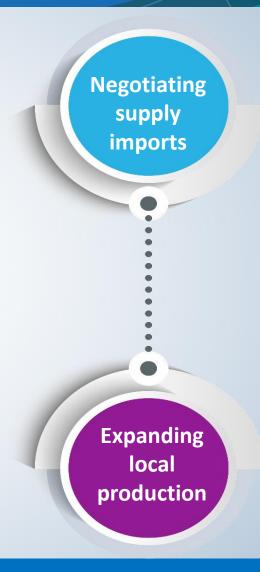
Preparing to manufacture COVID-19 diagnostics and vaccines



New products



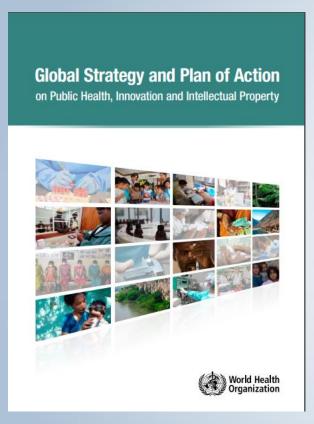


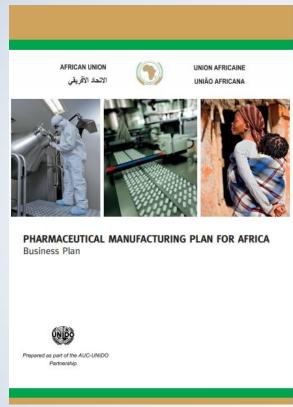






Intellectual property policies to favour technology transfer





Invest in research and development

Accelerate technology transfer through southsouth, north-south and triangular cooperation

Use intellectual property to maximize innovations that respond to local needs

Call to action

Work together to create robust industries in Africa and for Africa

Empower local manufacturers to improve access to needed COVID-19 products

Advance research and development

Expand the availability of skilled human resources

Grow the knowledge economy on the continent

