Scaling Up African Vaccine Manufacturing Capacity

Perspectives from the African vaccine-manufacturing industry on the challenges and the need for support

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Summary of risks and required support per stakeholder group

Three major risks to the economic viability of African vaccine manufacturers

- **Sustainability risk:**
  - Uncoordinated efforts, creating risk of overcapacity
  - No concrete announcements made yet to break the historical dynamic

- **Strategic risk:**
  - Current strategy and set of possible initiatives are fairly broad
  - Need for further prioritisation (antigens, vaccines, technology platforms)

- **Support risk:**
  - As the Covid-19 pandemic recedes, risk of loss in attention and effort of stakeholders to support African manufacturers

Priority support areas per stakeholder group from manufacturers’ perspectives

- **African governments**
  - Prioritise African supply (even if more expensive) through national or continental advance purchase commitments
  - Ensure a conducive economic and regulatory environment for the manufacturers

- **Global health organisations**
  - Review procurement mechanism(s) to facilitate market access and offer predictable demand to African supply
  - Set up financial mechanism(s) to counterbalance the lack of price-competitiveness

- **Donors**
  - Offer sustained support to manufacturers to help them overcome the obstacles to scaling up capacity
  - In particular, support manufacturers with three priority areas: Access to finance, Talent and Technology transfers

- **Continental organisations**
  - Coordinate information sharing, provide market intelligence, and dynamically revisit strategic ambitions and priorities to create a sustainable vaccine manufacturing industry

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