

Global event on enhancing the sustainability of investment for vaccine manufacturing in Africa. 27-29 June 2023

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Presentation of opportunities for investment and partnerships on vaccines and biopharmaceuticals.

A. Who we are, & what we do

kENUP Foundation (kENUP) is a non-profit public benefit foundation supporting research-based innovation in the wider health industries for societal benefit by initiating and facilitating public and private investment into innovations with the potential to improve the livelihood of people.

kENUP supports the development of scientific innovations into sustainable business propositions and makes them financeable while focusing on vaccines, human monoclonal antibodies, nanobodies, therapeutics, cell therapies, diagnostics, and the production of biologicals. The platform technologies necessary for their deployment are at the centre of our work. Through them, we aim to make effective and affordable products globally available, including to the Global South.

kENUP is currently identifying and supporting the set up of business plans for European and other (big) pharma companies with interest to invest in Europe, Africa and other regions of the Global South. Among others, kENUP supports BioNTech in building the first sustainable mRNA facility in Kigali, Rwanda. kENUP also supports a pharmaceutical company to construct the largest Fill and Finish platform of its kind on the African continent.

B. What are we offering

kENUP Foundation has established itself as a reliable partner for governments, DFIs, multilateral institutions, research organisations, industry and Civic Society with its network reaching out to Africa, the Americas, Europe and Asia. kENUP supports the development of scientific innovations into sustainable business propositions and makes them financeable by public and private institutions, and civil society partners. Such financing is typically aimed at de-risking product development processes that otherwise cannot be pursued.

C. What are we looking for

We are actively seeking to engage with potential partners for the purpose of initiating new projects. At kENUP, our mission is to collaborate with governments, development finance institutions (DFIs), and companies to facilitate the equitable distribution of pharmaceutical products in the Global South, while also exploring opportunities to establish other impactful initiatives. Our primary focus revolves around developing sustainable and robust business strategies that enable the global accessibility of effective and affordable products, with a special emphasis on serving the needs of the Global South.

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