



OPEN CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

EXPERTS TO SERVE ON THE AFRICAN MEDICINES AGENCY (AMA) POOL OF EXPERTS

Date of Issue: 20th May 2026

Closing Date for Applications: 25th June 2026

A. BACKGROUND

The African Medicines Agency (AMA), established under the Treaty for the Establishment of the African Medicines Agency adopted by the African Union, is a specialised continental regulatory agency. The main objective of AMA is to enhance the capacity of State Parties and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to regulate medical products in order to improve access to quality, safe and efficacious medical products across the continent.

As part of the operationalisation of the Agency's mandate, AMA seeks to establish a Pool of Experts to provide specialised scientific, technical and regulatory expertise to support the implementation of its functions.

In accordance with the AMA Treaty and the operationalisation of AMA's technical functions, the Agency invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from suitably qualified experts from African Union Member States, particularly State Parties to the AMA Treaty, to serve in the AMA Pool of Experts.

Experts enrolled in the Pool may be called upon to support time-bound technical assignments, scientific reviews, inspections, evaluations, consultations, and other regulatory activities relevant to AMA's mandate.

B. AREAS OF EXPERTISE

AMA seeks experts with demonstrated experience in one or more areas relevant to the regulation of medical products, including but not limited to:

1. Evaluation of medicines, vaccines and biologicals
2. Regulatory inspections including Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP), Good Clinical Practice (GCP), Good Laboratory Practice (GLP), and related quality systems
3. Clinical trials oversight and regulatory science
4. Medical devices, diagnostics and emerging technologies
5. Market intelligence and market control
6. Vigilance, including pharmacovigilance, post-market surveillance and signal management

7. Quality control laboratories and analytical sciences
8. Substandard and falsified medical products
9. Innovation and emerging technologies, including digital systems, artificial intelligence and data governance
10. Public health emergency preparedness and regulatory response
11. Traditional medicines and complementary products
12. Legal, policy and regulatory frameworks
13. Biostatistics, epidemiology and real-world evidence
14. Regulatory support for local manufacture and technology transfer

AMA may identify additional technical areas as required.

C. ROLE OF EXPERTS

Experts enrolled in the AMA Pool of Experts may be called upon to:

- Provide specialised scientific and technical expertise;
- Participate in scientific assessments and regulatory reviews;
- Support reliance and joint review approaches;
- Contribute to inspections and regulatory evaluations;
- Support guideline and standards development;
- Participate in expert consultations and peer review activities;
- Support vigilance and safety monitoring activities;
- Contribute to continental capacity strengthening;
- Support emergency preparedness and regulatory response activities where relevant.

Assignments shall be undertaken on an as-needed basis, depending on the priorities and operational needs of the Agency.

D. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants should demonstrate:

Essential Qualifications

- Advanced degree in a relevant discipline (e.g., medicine, pharmacy, pharmacology, toxicology, biotechnology, epidemiology, biostatistics, medical devices, public health, law, manufacturing sciences, regulatory science, quality systems, or related fields);
- Minimum 10 years of relevant professional experience;
- Demonstrated technical expertise relevant to the selected area(s) of regulatory work;
- Experience within:
 - National Medicines Regulatory Authorities;
 - Research institutions;
 - Public health institutions;
 - Manufacturing quality systems;
 - Quality Management Systems;
 - Academia;

- Regional regulatory initiatives;
- Clinical research systems;
- Pharmacovigilance systems.

Desirable Criteria

- Experience in regional or international regulatory collaboration;
- Experience in scientific reviews, inspections, reliance or harmonisation initiatives;
- Experience serving on expert committees or advisory bodies;
- Multilingual capacity in AU languages is an asset.

E. SELECTION PRINCIPLES

Selection will be guided by:

- Scientific and technical excellence;
- Regulatory relevance and practical experience;
- Geographic representation;
- Gender balance;
- Language diversity;
- Representation from State Parties while maintaining continental inclusiveness;
- Avoidance and management of conflicts of interest.

AMA particularly encourages applications from experts with practical implementation experience within African regulatory systems.

F. TERMS OF SERVICE

- Experts shall be enrolled in the AMA Pool of Experts for a defined period (e.g., three years, renewable once);
- Service shall be on a part-time, as-needed basis;
- Assignments may be conducted virtually and/or physically;
- Experts may be called upon for short-term or specialised technical assignments depending on Agency priorities;
- Experts shall sign:
 - Confidentiality Agreement;
 - Declaration of Interest (DOI);
 - Conflict of Interest (COI) forms;
 - Code of Conduct.

G. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested experts should submit:

1. Expression of Interest Letter (maximum 2 pages) indicating:
 - Area(s) of expertise;
 - Relevant experience;
 - Motivation for serving in the AMA Pool of Experts.
2. Curriculum Vitae (CV)

3. Short Statement of Technical Experience relevant to the selected area(s) of expertise
4. Institutional Endorsement Letter (where applicable, particularly for NRA staff)

H. COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT

Service of the AMA Pool of Experts shall be undertaken in the interest of the African Union and the public health of Africa. Experts may receive honoraria and reimbursement of approved travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with applicable African Medicines Agency and African Union rules, regulations, and procedures, and subject to the availability of funds.

I. SELECTION PROCESS TIMELINE

All applications received by the closing date will be evaluated by the African Medicines Agency in accordance with the approved selection criteria and governance procedures. Shortlisted candidates may be contacted for additional information where necessary. Final appointments shall be made following approval by the competent organs of the Agency, and successful applicants will be formally notified in writing.

J. DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY

All personal information and supporting documents submitted in response to this call will be used solely for the purposes of evaluating applications, establishing expert rosters, and administering the work of the Technical Committees. The African Medicines Agency shall process such information in accordance with applicable African Union rules and policies on confidentiality, records management, and data protection.

K. DISCLAIMER AND RIGHT TO MODIFY THE PROCESS

The African Medicines Agency reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to amend, suspend, postpone, or cancel this call for Expressions of Interest, in whole or in part, at any stage of the process, without incurring any obligation to applicants. Submission of an application does not constitute a guarantee of selection or appointment.

L. SUBMISSION PROCESS

Applications should be submitted electronically to: dq@au-ama.africa

Subject line: EOI – AMA Pool of Experts

Deadline: 25th June 2026

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

AMA may retain suitably qualified applicants in its expert database for future technical assignments and consideration beyond the current call.

Important Note

Service in the AMA Pool of Experts is undertaken in the interest of the African Union and the public health of Africa. Experts shall serve in their individual expert capacity, while recognising the critical role of national systems and institutions. Appointment to the AMA Pool of Experts does not constitute appointment to an AMA Technical Committee or Advisory Committee.