EMPOWER SCHOOL OF HEALTH, GENEVA

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EMPOWER IN ACTION

Establishing and Strengthening Centres of Excellence for Pharmaceutical Manufacturing and Regulatory Affairs

Building Skilled Workforces, Strengthening Institutions and Advancing Pharmaceutical Systems



As the pharmaceutical sector expands, building a skilled workforce and strengthening institutional capabilities are essential to sustainable growth.

Empower School of Health, Geneva, supports the development of Centres of Excellence (CoEs) through an integrated approach combining industry-aligned training, Empower SkillPods™, digital learning and institutional capacity building.

The model connects pharmaceutical manufacturing, GMP, quality systems and regulatory affairs with practical skills development, industry–academia collaboration

and employability and career pathways through job platforms. Designed for governments, academic institutions, regulators and pharmaceutical manufacturers, it aims to strengthen workforce readiness and build sustainable institutional capabilities.

Discover how Empower is bridging the gap between education, industry and practical competence.

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EMPOWER IN THE NEWS

Building the Workforce Behind Nigeria's Healthcare Manufacturing Ambitions

Empower Academy Nigeria featured in Business Day



INSIGHT

Nigeria's health manufacturing ambition needs a skilled workforce

Nigeria's push to produce more of its medicines, vaccines, medical products and nutrition commodities locally is both an economic and

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One practical example is Empower Academy Nigeria, established through a 2025 partnership between PVAC and Empower School of Health and officially launched in February 2026. The academy is helping to address industry skills gaps through accessible, industry-relevant training in pharmaceutical management, pharmaceutical manufacturing and GxP, regulatory affairs, validation and supply chain management. Early demand has been encouraging, with registered learners growing from 80 in January 2026 to more than 3,500 by September 2026. The opportunity now is to build on platforms such as Empower Academy and HFN's Youth Forum to create a more deliberate national pipeline that links training to employer needs, practical experience, placement and ultimately retention in the healthcare industry.

A recent BusinessDay article on Nigeria's health manufacturing ambitions highlights an important reality: expanding local production will depend not only on factories and technology, but also on professionals with the practical, technical, quality, regulatory and managerial capabilities to operate and sustain them.

Empower Academy Nigeria, established through the partnership between PVAC and Empower School of Health, was referenced as part of the response to this workforce challenge. The Academy combines GMP-aligned learning, technical skills development, entrepreneurship and industry-focused training to help bring learning closer to industry needs.

The wider ambition is to strengthen the pathway from learning and practical exposure to employability, innovation and industry participation - helping build the people behind Nigeria's growing pharmaceutical and healthcare manufacturing ecosystem.

READ THE BUSINESS DAY ARTICLE

EXPLORE EMPOWER ACADEMY NIGERIA

BUILDING MANUFACTURING CAPACITY ALSO MEANS BUILDING THE PEOPLE WHO WILL POWER IT.

Webinar replay you'll want to catch

Missed the live sessions? You can still catch the career lessons, industry insight and practical ideas shaping the conversation. Start with the newest replays below—and catch up before the next live session lands.

WEBINARS



WEBINAR RECAP | 14 July 2026

Bridging Skill Gaps in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing — Preparing Industry-Ready Professionals through Empower Academy Nigeria

Dr. Zara Abba-Aji highlighted Nigeria's pharmaceutical workforce challenges, while Ms. Caroline Dandira-Samatanga explored the technical, digital and regulatory competencies needed for industry readiness. Mr. Ankit Kaushik showcased Empower Academy Nigeria's digital learning platform and its role in strengthening pharmaceutical workforce development.

WHY WATCH: A compelling look at how industry-aligned training, continuous learning and practical skills can bridge workforce gaps and unlock career opportunities in pharmaceutical manufacturing.

WATCH THE WEBINAR REPLAY

IMPACT SPOTLIGHT

Youth Career Accelerator in Health (YCAH), Geneva 2026

From 300+ registrations to one transformative Geneva experience



The 2026 Youth Career Accelerator in Health brought a carefully selected international cohort to Geneva for five days of career guidance, technical learning, site visits and international networking. From more than 300 registrations, 25 participants were selected to learn alongside esteemed speakers and a diverse global health community.

Want to see the full impact? Click the link below to view the complete YCAH 2026 participant impact report.

VIEW THE FULL YCAH IMPACT REPORT

100% of participants said they would recommend YCAH. The 2026 cohort left Geneva with stronger career clarity, broader professional networks and practical direction for what comes next.

Interested in YCAH 2027? Contact: partnerships@empowerswiss.org

GRADUATION IMPACT

Graduation Ceremony 2026: A Global Community Takes Its Next Step

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GRADUATION CEREMONY 2026

GLOBAL COHORT PROFILE

28 August 2026 | UNITAR, Geneva | Hybrid Ceremony



Cohort snapshot: More than 100 participants came together for the 2026 graduation, representing a professionally diverse and internationally connected learner community.

GRADUATION AT A GLANCE SCALE. DIVERSITY. PROFESSIONAL REACH.

100%	45	90+
Participants	Countries	Organisations

On 28 August 2026, Empower School of Health and UNITAR celebrated a milestone that reached far beyond the graduation stage. More than 100 participants came together in Geneva and virtually, representing 45 countries and 90+ organisations across public institutions, multilateral agencies, humanitarian organisations, academia and industry. Graduates rated the experience 4.60/5 as a valuable investment of time and 4.55/5 for recommendation, citing stronger supply chain problem-solving, data-informed decisions and professional confidence.

READ THE FULL GRADUATION BLOG

UPCOMING CONFERENCES | SHAPING AFRICA'S PHARMACEUTICAL FUTURE

Advancing Regulatory Excellence, Local Manufacturing and Workforce Development

October 2026 brings two important continental gatherings focused on strengthening Africa’s pharmaceutical ecosystem, from regulatory harmonisation to expanding local manufacturing capabilities. These developments reinforce the growing importance of a skilled workforce equipped to support Africa’s pharmaceutical transformation.



African Medicines Agency (AMA) Week 2026 | 25–30 October 2026 | Kigali, Rwanda

The inaugural African Medicines Agency (AMA) Week will bring together regulators, policymakers, industry leaders and development partners to advance regulatory harmonisation, strengthen institutional capacity and promote access to safe, effective and quality-assured medical products across Africa.

As regulatory systems evolve, the need for professionals skilled in pharmaceutical regulation, quality assurance and strategic management continues to grow. Empower School of Health's **Post Graduate Diploma in Pharmaceutical Management** supports professional development in these critical areas, helping build capabilities relevant to stronger pharmaceutical systems.

Heading to Kigali for AMA Week? The Empower team looks forward to connecting with fellow participants, exchanging ideas and exploring opportunities to strengthen Africa's pharmaceutical and regulatory landscape. **See you there!**

EXPLORE AMA WEEK



African Healthcare Manufacturing Trade Exhibition and Conference (AHMTEC) 2026 | 26–28 October 2026 | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Under the theme "Industrialise to Commercialise," AHMTEC 2026 will convene manufacturers, investors, policymakers and industry stakeholders to accelerate local pharmaceutical manufacturing, strengthen supply chains and advance Africa's healthcare self-reliance.

These priorities closely align with Empower's MSc in Pharmaceutical Management with Specialization in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing, alongside its Post Graduate Diploma and MSc programmes in Global Health Procurement and Supply Chain Management. Together, these programmes develop professional competencies in manufacturing operations, quality systems, pharmaceutical management and supply chain resilience.

Attending AHMTEC 2026 in Addis Ababa? The Empower team looks forward to catching up, sharing perspectives and exploring new opportunities to advance

pharmaceutical manufacturing and supply chain capabilities across Africa. **Let's connect!**

EXPLORE AHMTEC 2026





Africa's ambitions for stronger regulatory systems and competitive pharmaceutical manufacturing depend on sustained investment in its people. Through industry-relevant PGD and Master's programmes, Empower School of Health contributes to developing the professionals needed to turn these ambitions into sustainable health-system improvements.

EXPLORE EMPOWER'S PROGRAMMES



Post Graduate Diploma in Digital Health →

Post Graduate Diploma in Pharmaceutical Management →

Post Graduate Diploma in Data Management in Public Health Procurement and Supply Chain →

Post Graduate Diploma in Global Health Procurement and Supply Chain Management →

Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Management with Specialization in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing →

Master of Science in Global Health Procurement and Supply Chain Management →

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