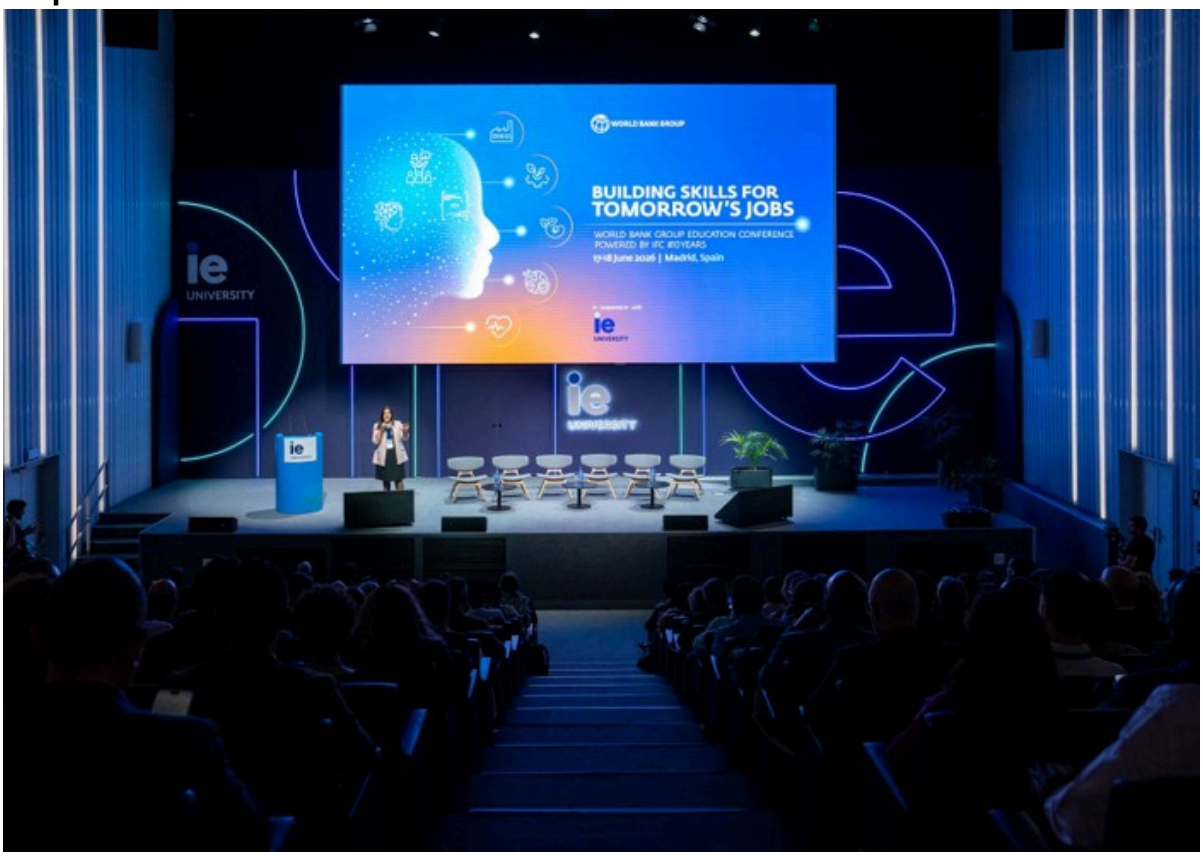


EMPOWER ON THE GLOBAL STAGE

Empower at IFC’s 10th Global Education Conference in Madrid



Empower School of Health’s **Founder and Executive Director, Prof. Paul Lalvani**, participated in **IFC’s 10th Global Education Conference**, held in **Madrid, Spain, from 16–18 June 2026**, in partnership with **IE University**.

Centred on the theme **“Building Skills for Tomorrow’s Jobs,”** the conference brought together **350+ global leaders** from across the education ecosystem, including university leaders, policymakers, development finance institutions, investors, private-sector executives and education innovators. Discussions explored how education and workforce development must evolve in response to **AI, digital transformation and rapidly changing skills requirements**.

Prof. Lalvani's participation provided an important platform to engage with global education leaders and contribute to conversations around **future-ready skills, workforce capacity building and innovative models for education and professional development**. The engagement also reinforced Empower's commitment to building partnerships that strengthen the health and education workforce, particularly across emerging markets.

Empower at the AUDA-NEPAD High-Level Forum in Morocco: Strengthening Skills for Africa's Pharmaceutical Future



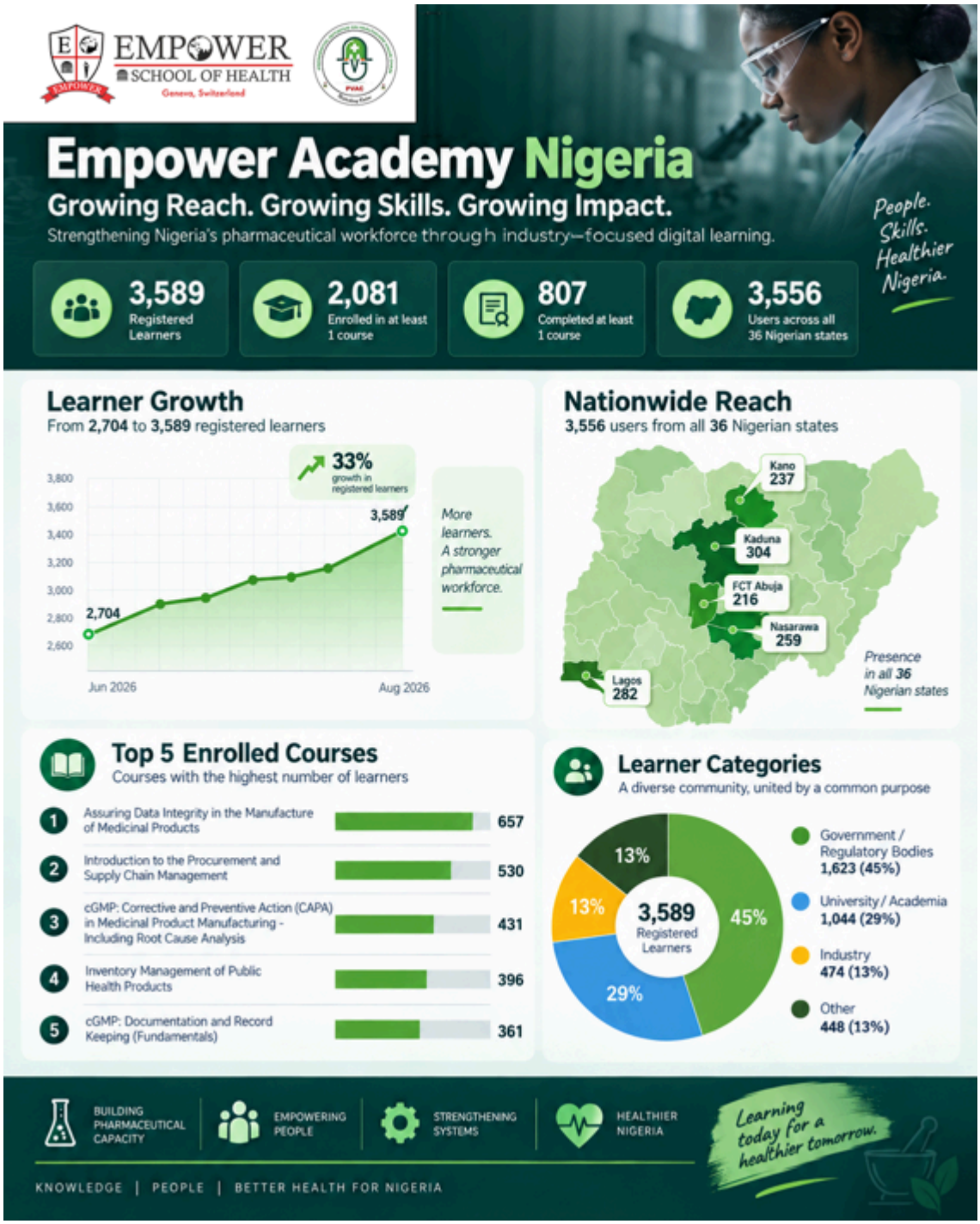
Prof. Paul Lalvani, Founder and Executive Director, Empower School of Health, Geneva, participated in the **High-Level Arab Maghreb Union Forum on Financing and Investment Readiness for Local Manufacturing of Priority Medical Products**, held in **Rabat, Morocco,** on **22–23 June 2026**. The Forum was convened by **AUDA-NEPAD**, in collaboration with the **Moroccan Federation of Pharmaceutical Industry and Innovation (FMIIP).**

The Forum brought together governments, pharmaceutical manufacturers, regulators, investors and development partners to advance local pharmaceutical manufacturing, investment readiness and regional cooperation across Africa.

Prof. Lalvani contributed to discussions on **Human Capital, Skills Development and Institutional Capacity,** highlighting three priorities: strengthening the technical and institutional skills required for local manufacturing; adapting capacity-building models for manufacturers, regulators, procurement agencies and investment institutions; and building partnerships **between Empower, AUDA-NEPAD, governments and industry** to scale workforce development programmes.

His participation reinforced Empower's commitment to developing the skilled workforce and institutional capacity needed to support pharmaceutical manufacturing, investment readiness and regional integration across Africa.

Empower Academy Nigeria: Growing Reach. Growing Skills. Growing Impact.



Empower Academy Nigeria is a first-of-its-kind pharmaceutical manufacturing training initiative, developed in strategic partnership with the Presidential Initiative for Unlocking the Healthcare Value Chain (PVAC) to strengthen Nigeria's pharmaceutical workforce, bridge the academia–industry gap, and support local manufacturing capacity.

Through its digital learning platform, the Academy is expanding access to relevant, industry-focused learning for professionals, regulators, academia and industry stakeholders across Nigeria.

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Career Accelerator in Health, Geneva | 2026
From career ambition to real-world exposure: a memorable week in global health



August marked an exciting milestone for the **Youth Career Accelerator in Health (YCAH)**, bringing an international cohort of students and young professionals to Geneva for an immersive career-development experience.

The workshop connected participants with speakers bringing expertise across four key health domains. The programme saw **300+ registrations**, from which **25 learners were selected** to join the cohort in Geneva, representing **15+ countries and 22+ organisations and academic institutions.**

Across the programme, participants had the opportunity to learn from experienced professionals, explore diverse career pathways and engage with perspectives spanning global health, public health, digital health, pharmaceutical manufacturing and the wider health ecosystem. The experience went beyond conventional classroom learning—creating space for conversations, professional connections, reflection and practical career planning.
The workshop also helped participants build their own Five-Year Health Career Plan, mapping out their current position, career vision, target domains and roles, and the skills they need to develop. This gives each participant a clear, personalised roadmap to guide their decisions and priorities as they move forward in their health career.

They will continue to learn and grow during the post-workshop sessions as well.
Missed Geneva this time? Keep an eye on Empower's upcoming opportunities—this is only the beginning.

Annual Graduation Ceremony 2026, Geneva
Celebrating achievement, ambition and a truly global learning community







August also brought one of the most anticipated moments of the year as **Empower School of Health celebrated its Annual Graduation Ceremony in Geneva**, welcoming **more than 100 participants in person and virtually**.

The ceremony on **28th August 2026** brought together graduates, faculty, partners, families and members of the wider Empower community to recognise an important milestone in the academic and professional journeys of our learners.

This year's graduating community reflected the remarkable diversity and reach of Empower's programmes. **Graduates joined from 45 countries**, representing a wide range of organisations and health-sector institutions — including **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Africa CDC, the World Bank, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), VillageReach, and Chemonics.**

It was also a powerful reminder that completing a programme is not the end of the journey. **It is the beginning of the next chapter—new responsibilities, new opportunities and the chance to create greater impact across health systems worldwide.**

To everyone who graduated this year: **congratulations on an exceptional achievement. We cannot wait to see where you go next.**

And for those considering taking the next step in their own professional journey, perhaps the next graduation celebration will be yours.

WEBINARS

Webinar replays you'll want to catch



WEBINAR RECAP | 25 June 2026

Networking & Career Growth in the Health Sector — Beyond Degrees and Certifications

Joseph Serutoke, Jr. reflected on a career spanning essential medicines, WHO, the Global Fund and UNDP, while Dr. Driss Boudeffa unpacked emerging opportunities across biotech, biomanufacturing and technology transfer.

WHY WATCH A reminder that the next career move often comes from what you build beyond the qualification.



WEBINAR RECAP | 11 June 2026

Education, Internships and Employment in Public and Private Sector

Prof. Paul Lalvani and Dr. George Jagoe traced the journey of a medicine from discovery to patient access and explored how governments, NGOs, donors and UN agencies work together to deliver health impact.

WHY WATCH See how the global health ecosystem connects—and what employers in this space are looking for.



WEBINAR RECAP | 4 June 2026

Exploring the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Landscape and Emerging Career Opportunities

Speakers from PVAC, the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria and the University of Abuja explored manufacturing trends, industry challenges and high-demand career pathways across production, QA/QC, engineering, validation and regulatory affairs.

WHY WATCH A practical snapshot of where pharma manufacturing careers are growing and how to prepare.



WEBINAR RECAP | 28 May 2026

Plan Your International Career in the Health Sector — Options & Opportunities

Prof. Paul Lalvani, Vicki Blackman and Bellah Wanjiru Mikangi shared real career journeys spanning public health diplomacy, donor-funded programmes and international health careers.

WHY WATCH Transferable skills, leadership pathways and ideas to help turn career interest into action.



WEBINAR RECAP | 22 April 2026

Enabling Local Pharmaceutical Manufacturing in Africa — Technology Transfer as a Catalyst for Sustainable Growth

Experts from PVAC, Empower and Bayer examined how technology transfer can strengthen local pharmaceutical manufacturing—from product and partner selection through to full-scale implementation.

WHY WATCH Why technology transfer, workforce readiness and self-reliance belong in the same conversation.



WEBINAR RECAP | 12 March 2026

Strengthening Nigerian Pharmaceutical Workforce — Orientation & Enrolling Session for Empower Academy Nigeria

Co-hosted with PVAC, this session introduced Empower Academy Nigeria, its learning pathways and certification opportunities, with a live learner perspective on translating training into real-world value.

WHY WATCH A useful starting point for anyone who wants to understand the Academy and how to get involved.

Six sessions. One replay library. Plenty to catch up on.

EXPLORE ALL WEBINAR RECORDINGS

Courses in spotlight

If you've been thinking about your next academic move, these two master's programmes deserve a closer look. One is newly launched; the other remains a strong fit for professionals building global health supply chain careers.

RECENTLY LAUNCHED

From Education to Employability: Bringing Industry Experience into the Master's Journey



At Empower School of Health, education is not only about earning a qualification- it is about preparing learners to succeed in the workplace.
Empower is strengthening the employability focus of its Master's programmes by introducing internship opportunities in collaboration with UN agencies, industries and academic institutions.

The initiative is designed to help students bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world professional practice. Through internships with relevant industry organisations and institutional partners, students will have opportunities to gain practical exposure, understand workplace expectations, apply their learning to real challenges, and build the professional skills and networks needed for their next career step.

The internship pathway will complement Empower's industry-oriented curriculum and broader focus on career readiness- connecting education, practical experience and employability as part of one integrated learning journey.

For students and working professionals alike, this means moving beyond the classroom to experience how knowledge is applied across the health, pharmaceutical and related sectors.

Learn. Apply. Connect. Advance.

With this initiative, Empower and UNITAR continue to strengthen a shared vision of education that not only builds knowledge but also helps learners become workplace-ready, globally connected and prepared for emerging career opportunities.

Explore more

Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Management with Specialization in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing



Pharmaceutical manufacturing is moving fast, and professionals who can connect quality, compliance, operations and strategy are increasingly valuable. This 24-month online MSc brings those worlds together, with learning across regulatory compliance, health supply chains, GMP, sterile manufacturing and plant operations.

With perspectives from international experts and pharmaceutical industry leaders, the programme is designed for professionals ready to broaden their scope and prepare for leadership across the pharmaceutical value chain. If manufacturing is where you see your future, this is a programme worth exploring now.

Explore more

CAREER-RELEVANT SPOTLIGHT

Master of Science in Global Health Procurement and Supply Chain Management — 24-Month



Health systems depend on supply chains that work. This 24-month online MSc is built for professionals who want to understand how medicines, diagnostics, devices and medical equipment move from procurement decisions to patient access.

The programme brings a global-health lens to procurement and supply chain management and is relevant to careers across ministries of health, UN agencies, donor organisations, international NGOs and the private sector. If you're looking to deepen your expertise and widen your career options, this is one to put on your shortlist.

Explore more



- 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
- Online Post Graduate Diploma In Global Health Procurement And Supply Chain Management
- Global Fund & Empower: Financial Evaluation of Investments in Public Health Supply Chains
- Pharmaceutical Waste Management

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Dear All, thank you for being part of our journey. We invite you to join "Empower School of Health" for education and "Empower Swiss" for project updates.

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