ZAMRA COMMITS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN UNION SMART SAFETY SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME

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The Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority (ZAMRA) has been introduced to the African Union Smart Safety Surveillance (AU-3S) programme by experts from AUDA-NEPAD, who came to help ZAMBIA join countries participating in efforts to increase coverage of the health impact by the initiative.

The AU-3S programme is aimed at, among other things, identifying potential areas for strengthening vigilance functions of member National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs)

Speaking at a workshop organised to assist ZAMRA in appreciating its role in the alignment process, Director General Mr. Siyanga Makomani thanked the delegation from AUDA-NEPAD for taking interest in the Authority and sharing key information needed for inclusion.

Mr Makomani pledged his commitment to providing all the resources needed to ensure ZAMRA's participation in the AU-3S programme.

Representing the AUDA-NEPAD, Head/Cordinator AU-3S, Mr. Kenneth Onu, assured ZAMRA management of continued technical support to the Authority going forward.

The workshop which took place from the 8th to the 9th of May, 2025;

- 1. Introduced the AU-3S programme to ZAMRA
- 2. Conducted a landscape assessment of the Safety Surveillance System in Zambia through interviews with focal persons at ZAMRA
- 3. Discussed solutions that the AU-3S programme can offer to address identified gaps.