

ZAMRA AND EDA FORMALISES THE OPERATIONALISATION FRAMEWORK UNDER THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON REGULATORY RELIANCE BETWEEN THE TWO AUTHORITIES.

The Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority (ZAMRA) and the Egyptian Drug Authority (EDA) yesterday, 21st May, 2025, signed a memorandum of understanding to signify shared commitment between ZAMRA and EDA in ensuring timely access to safe, efficacious, and quality-assured medicines.

This collaboration will also enhance regulatory reliance, particularly on the grant of marketing authorisation by ZAMRA as the Authority recognises and leverages on the scientific assessments and regulatory decisions of the EDA.

During the momentous ceremony, the ZAMRA Director- General Mr Siyanga Makomani acknowledged Her Excellency, Ambassador Mayada Essam's continued support of this bilateral cooperation in health and pharmaceuticals. "Your advocacy for stronger ties between our two countries has played a key role in making this partnership a reality." Asserted Mr Makomani.

He also commended the Chairperson of the Egyptian Drug Authority, Dr. Ali El-Ghamrawy and his team for the technical support and willingness to collaborate towards a common regulatory vision, one that prioritises efficiency, quality, safety, efficacy, and innovation.

Mr Makomani said the operationalisation of this framework will greatly contribute to broader continental efforts under the African Medicines Regulatory Harmonisation (AMRH) initiative and lay the foundation for future engagement with the African Medicines Agency (AMA) and other national medicines regulatory authorities.

Both the Egyptian Ambassador to Zambia and the Chairperson of the Egyptian Drug Authority are optimistic that this partnership will not only strengthen regulatory systems of ZAMRA and EDA, but will also yield great health benefits to the people of Zambia and Egypt.