

The Treaty for the establishment of the African Medicines Agency (AMA) was adopted in February 2019, by the 32nd Session of the Assembly of Head of State and Government. The Assembly further called on its Member States to sign and ratify the Treaty in order for the Treaty to enter into force as soon as possible (Assembly/AU/Dec.735 (XXXII)).

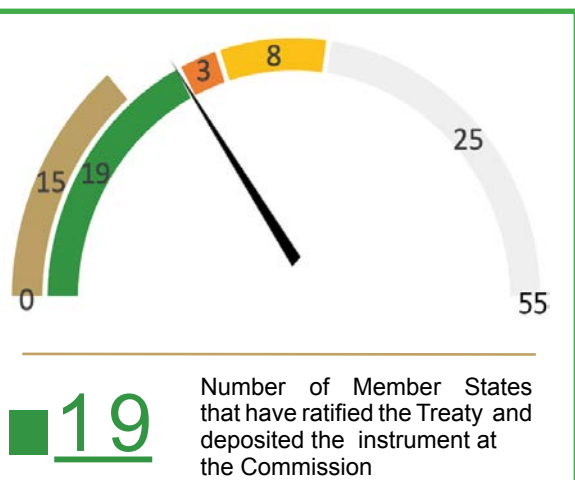
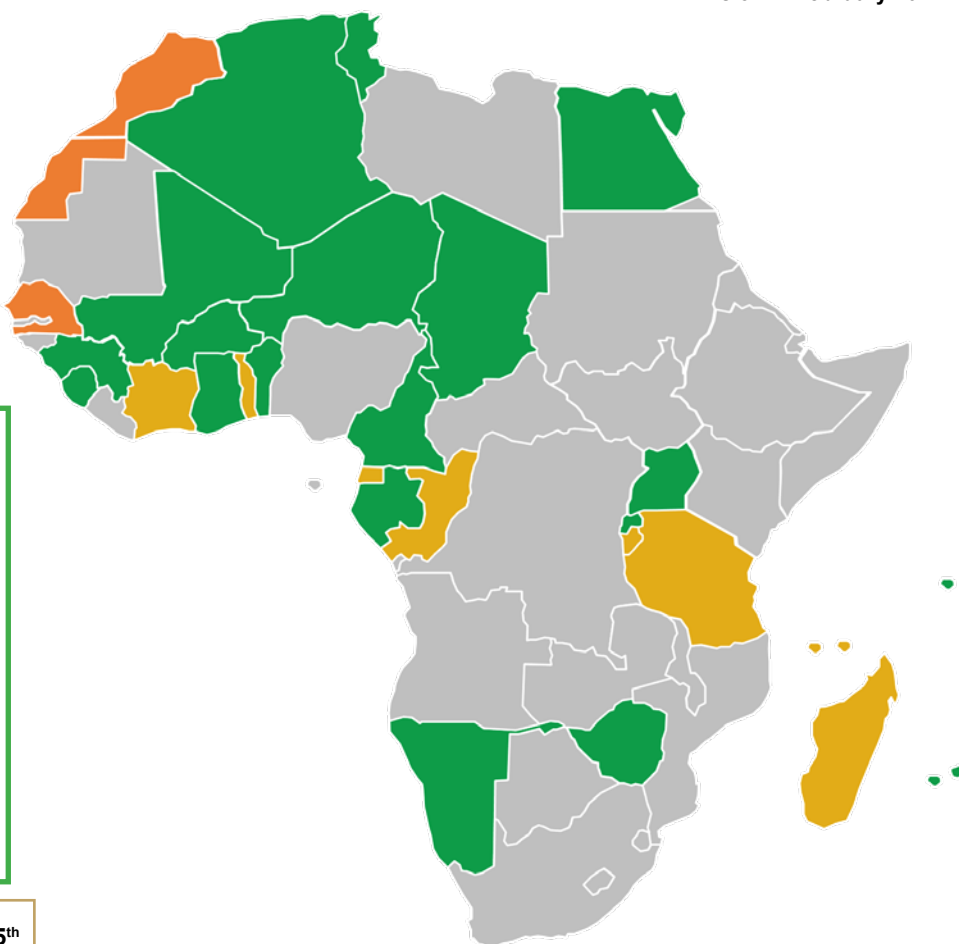
AMA will be the second continental health agency after the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention ([Africa CDC](#)), that will enhance the capacity of States Parties and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to regulate medical products in order to improve access to quality, safe and efficacious medical products on the continent. AMA will also promote the adoption and harmonization of medical products regulatory policies and standards, as well as provide scientific guidelines and coordinate existing regulatory harmonization efforts in the African Union recognized RECs and Regional Health Organizations (RHOs).

As of 4th February 2022

28 Number of Member States that have signed the AMA Treaty

3 Number of Member States that have ratified the Treaty but not yet deposited the instrument of ratification at the Commission

25 Member States that have neither signed nor ratified



19 Number of Member States that have ratified the Treaty and deposited the instrument at the Commission

The AMA Treaty entered into force on **5th November 2021** upon the deposit of the 15th instrument of ratification at the African Union Commission

Member States that have only signed the AMA Treaty

1. Burundi
2. Comoros
3. Cote d'Ivoire
4. Republic of Congo
5. Equatorial Guinea
6. Madagascar
7. Tanzania
8. Togo

Member States that have signed and ratified but yet to deposit the instrument of ratification at the Commission

1. Morocco
2. Saharawi
3. Senegal

Member States that have signed, ratified and deposited the instrument of ratification at the Commission

1. Algeria
2. Benin
3. Burkina Faso*
4. Cameroon
5. Chad
6. Egypt
7. Gabon
8. Ghana
9. Guinea
10. Mali
11. Mauritius
12. Namibia*
13. Niger
14. Rwanda
15. Seychelles
16. Sierra Leone
17. Tunisia
18. Uganda
19. Zimbabwe

*Ratification without signing

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