creating synergy

"The task of ensuring reliable and sustainable manufacturing of medicines and other health technologies is a complex undertaking that requires highly accountable and strategic partnerships. [...] The AU-UNIDO Business Plan, as well as its Roadmap on Shared Responsibility and Solidarity, provide excellent platforms around which international partners [...] can contribute."
The success of this collaborative approach will depend on a number of factors, including a legal framework with clearly defined governance and reporting structures, a detailed work plan, measures for monitoring and evaluation, and availability of central resources.

The resources required for full implementation of the Business Plan over a five-year period have been estimated to amount to approximately US$54 million. There is a need for initial seed funding to put in place appropriate coordination capacity.

At national level, the consortium partners are already learning to work together in Ghana where early implementation of the Business Plan is being conducted following an official request by President Mahama in 2013. They will also support the implementation of the National Strategy and Action Plan for Development of Pharmaceutical Manufacturing in Ethiopia. The partnership will also seek to create synergies with complementary initiatives and ambitions that have been developed at the level of the Regional Economic Communities (REC), such as the ECOWAS Regional Pharmaceutical Plan (ERPP).