



**DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

MEDIA ADVISORY

Weekly Press Briefing on Coronavirus Disease Outbreak INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

WHAT: Africa CDC weekly engagement with the media to share critical updates on the COVID-19 response activities and the rollout COVID-19 Vaccines in AU member states, and the status of implementing the joint continental strategy for COVID-19 response in Africa.

SPEAKERS: Dr John Nkengasong, Director, Africa CDC

MODERATOR: Madam Wynne Musabayana, Head of Communication Division, AUC

WHEN: Thursday, 22 April 2021

TIME: 11.00–12.00 pm East Africa Time

WHERE: Online through ZOOM, please register in advance using the below link:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_F0e5Q_D4SFasRqa95Xublq

Live stream: <https://livestream.com/africanunion/events/9033858>
And Africa CDC social media platforms (Facebook, Tweeter & YouTube)

Background Information

The novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has spread to about 220 countries and territories with more than 141.7 million cases; and claimed the lives of over 3.025 million people globally according to WHO. In Africa, over 4.4 million cases have been reported in all countries, with about 118,000 deaths. There are also over 3.9 million recoveries in Africa.

Africa CDC continue to work with Member States to ensure an effective response to the outbreak by Member States, including maintaining key public health measures which have helped to minimize the rate of infections and deaths in Africa compare to other regions.

Dr Nkengasong will focus on the latest developments surrounding COVID-19 vaccines and the progress of vaccination rollout in AU member states. This week's briefing will also highlight Africa CDC support to member states in response to the pandemic and provide regular updates on the general COVID-19 situation across the continent.

The briefing remains available in 2 AU working languages (English and French) through interpretation. Below are basic things to consider during the briefing.

- Journalists will be allowed to ask questions directly online. If you have a question send your name and the name of the media organization you represent to WhatsApp # (+251 945 502 310), the following emails (GwehN@africa-union.org, molalett@africa-union.org) and they will be taken by the moderator.
- Colleagues who cannot ask questions directly online should send their questions to the same number or use the Q&A section of the zoom platform.

Journalists are invited to connect and attend the press briefing on Thursday, 22 April 2021, at 11.00 a.m. East Africa Time.

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About Africa CDC

Africa CDC is a specialized technical institution of the African Union which supports Member States in their efforts to strengthen health systems and improve surveillance, emergency response, prevention and control of diseases.

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