

## DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

Venue: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

### MEDIA ADVISORY

#### **Sixth Press Briefing on Coronavirus Disease Outbreak** **INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA**

**WHAT:** The novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has spread to almost all countries and claimed over 70,000 lives worldwide. More than 9000 cases have been reported in 51 African countries, with over 400 deaths. Africa CDC is supporting African Union Member States in responding to the outbreak. This briefing will provide updated information from Member States and the supported being provided by Africa CDC and other partners.

**SPEAKER:** Dr John Nkengasong, Director, Africa CDC

**WHEN:** Thursday, 9 April 2020

**TIME:** 11.00 am–12.00 pm

**WHERE:** Online through Bluejeans, Meeting ID is 703 511 971  
Livestream @ <https://livestream.com/africanunion/events/9033858>

#### **Background Information**

The total number of cases of COVID-19 is more than 1 million globally. With several confirmed cases in 51 African countries, Africa CDC is working with Member States to ensure appropriate response to the outbreak in their countries. The Director of Africa CDC will provide critical update on efforts by Member States, support from partners and other countermeasures taken to minimize fatality due to the disease in Africa.

***Journalists are invited to connect and attend the online press briefing on Thursday, 9 April 2020, at 11.00 am.***

*Journalists will have opportunity to ask questions online.*

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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.

Learn more at: <http://www.africacdc.org>

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