The African Union, through the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), has taken a leadership role in developing the continent’s strategy for development and access to a COVID-19 vaccine.

Leading up to the World Health Assembly in May 2020, H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa, Chairperson of the African Union and President of the Republic of South Africa called for a “bold international agreement” that guarantees global equitable access to vaccines as global public goods. Earlier this year in June, the Africa CDC hosted a conference bringing together over 3,000 political leaders and technical experts to discuss COVID-19 vaccine needs on the continent and regional opportunities for driving vaccine development, manufacturing, distribution and uptake. The result was the COVID-19 Vaccine Development and Access Strategy, endorsed by the African Union Bureau of Heads of State and Government in August.

ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE:
This two-day consultation, hosted by the Africa CDC, in partnership with the South African Medical Research Council, will bring together continental global public health leaders and policymakers to advance the work towards the AU’s COVID-19 Vaccine Development and Access Strategy. The forum will solicit input with the African context in mind in order to develop a framework that will guide fair allocation, coupled with timely and equitable access of COVID-19 vaccines across the continent.

Monday 14 December 2020
2:00-6:00 PM East Africa Time

Tuesday 15 December 2020
1:00-6:30 PM East Africa Time

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