

Statement of the Chairperson of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) Governing Board on the Renewal of the Mandate of the Africa CDC Inaugural Director, Dr. John N. Nkengasong

The Governing Board of Africa CDC held an Extraordinary meeting on February 20th, 2021 and deliberated on the renewal of the second four-year mandate of the Africa CDC's Director, Dr. John N. Nkengasong.

The Board congratulated Dr. John N. Nkengasong for the tremendous work accomplished in his first term to build a respectable public health institution that is now well recognized globally. The remarkable progress made by Africa CDC in supporting Member States to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and Ebola outbreaks in Africa were highlighted.

The Board decided by an overwhelming majority to recommend to the Commission the renewal of the mandate of Dr John N. Nkengasong for a second four-year term in line with the Statute of Africa CDC.

The Chair of the Board wishes to thank members of the Governing Board for their active participation during the meeting and the vote of confidence in Dr. John N. Nkengasong. He also appealed to Member States to support Dr. John N. Nkengasong to fulfil the duties of his new mandate; and also enable Africa CDC to achieve its critical mission.

Given the impact of COVID-19 on lives and livelihoods, now is the time to ensure that existing commitments are translated into concrete actions towards a New Public Health Order for Africa.



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