



MEDIA ADVISORY

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WHAT: Media briefing on emerging discussions at the first international [Conference on Public Health in Africa](#) (CPHIA 2021), the impact of COVID-19 in the continent, and the urgent call for a New Public Health Order in Africa. The media briefing will further highlight interventions needed to strengthen African health security and pandemic preparedness & response.

15 December

4.30pm-5.30pm (EAT), 3.30pm-4.30pm (CT), 2.30pm-3.30pm (WAT), 8.30am-9.30am (ET)

Register: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YjSAdzWhSdelXmWHY3nVQA

Speakers:

- **Dr John Nkengasong**, Director, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC)
- **Professor Salim Abdool Karim**, Director, Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA)
- **Dr Ebere Okereke**, Senior Technical Adviser at the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change and honorary Senior Public Health Adviser to Africa CDC
- **Dr Githinji Gitahi**, Group Chief Executive Officer, Amref Health Africa & Co-Chair of UHC2030 Steering Committee
- **Professor Helen Rees**, Executive Director, Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute, University of the Witwatersrand
- **Wynne Musabayana**, Head of Communication, AUC (*moderator*)

Live stream: <https://livestream.com/africanunion/events/9033858>

– On Africa CDC social media platforms: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#)

Languages: The briefing will be available in **English** and **French** through interpretation.

Media Q&A: Journalists may submit questions to Africa CDC during the briefing by sending their **full name** and the **name of their media organization** to WhatsApp at **+251 94 550**

2310. Journalists may also ask questions live through Zoom.

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Notes to Editors

About CPHIA 2021

The first International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA 2021), hosted by the Africa CDC and the African Union, is a three-day conference that will serve as a unique platform for participants to collaborate on research, innovation, and public health across the continent. CPHIA 2021 aims to help accelerate progress in the fight against COVID-19, while also addressing long-standing health emergencies such as HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria.

Learn more at: <https://cphia2021.com/>

About African Union

The African Union (AU) is a continental body consisting of the 55 Member States that make up the countries of the African Continent. It was officially launched in 2002 as a successor to the Organisation of African Unity (OAU, 1963-1999).

Learn more at: <https://au.int/en/overview>

About Africa CDC

Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), is a specialized technical institution of the African Union that strengthens the capacity and capability of Africa's public health institutions as well as partnerships to detect and respond quickly and effectively to disease threats and outbreaks, based on data-driven interventions and programmes.

Learn more at: www.africacdc.org