

**WEEKLY BULLETIN | 23-29 June 2025**



**Spotlight**

## Africa CDC Announces New Regional Leadership for Northern Africa and Key Appointments to its Governing Board

Africa CDC has announced a new chapter in regional public health leadership for Northern Africa, following the successful conclusion of the inaugural Northern Africa Regional Steering Committee (ReSCO) meeting held on 23 June 2025 in Cairo, Egypt.

By consensus, Member States appointed the Republic of Tunisia as Chair of the Northern Africa ReSCO and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria as Vice Chair. In the same meeting, the Kingdom of Morocco and the State of Libya were

nominated to represent the region on the Africa CDC Governing Board, while the Arab Republic of Egypt was confirmed as the host of the Northern Africa Regional Coordination Centre (RCC).

The high-level meeting brought together Ministers of Health and heads of delegation from across Northern Africa, reaffirming a collective commitment to strengthen regional collaboration, formalize governance structures, and advance coordinated health security efforts.

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## Africa Unites to Take Stock of Disease Burden and Financial Needs towards NTDs Elimination by 2030

Fifty African Union Member States have endorsed a new digital micro-planning platform developed by Africa CDC to accelerate the elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) by 2030. The tool, launched during a high-level workshop in June, enables countries to align national NTD strategies, improve coordination, track resources, and mobilize sustainable financing—especially critical amid declining global support. Country-specific plans for the six most common NTDs have already been submitted, marking a major milestone in Africa's collective health agenda.

NTDs affect over 565 million people across the continent and remain a major driver of disability, stigma, and poverty. With support from WHO, the END Fund, and partners, the initiative promotes African-led, data-driven planning to maximize efficiency and impact. Africa CDC has reaffirmed its commitment to work alongside Member States to close resource gaps, enhance local ownership, and ensure no community is left behind in the fight against these often overlooked but devastating diseases.



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## Africa Public Health Podcast: Episode 6



### Advancing Digital Health in Africa: Powering Innovation, Skills, and Access

In this powerful finale, Dr Wessam Mankoula, Regional Director of Northern RCC and Head of Emergency Preparedness and Response Division at Africa CDC, shares how the continent is turning pandemic lessons into lasting change: From vaccine access to emergency preparedness, from data politics to cross-border trust and a new public health order.

Tune in to hear clear insights on what worked, what didn't, and what must come next to build a stronger, more health-resilient Africa.

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## Africa CDC's call on Health Financing

Africa CDC is advancing its strategic agenda on sustainable health financing. Read the latest concept note, "Rethinking Africa's Health Financing in a New Era: Toward Sustainable, Resilient, and Self-Reliant Health Systems", outlining the core pillars for transforming Africa's health financing architecture.



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**DIRECTOR GENERAL'S ENGAGEMENTS**



**Africa CDC Champions Africa-Led Solutions at Africa Health ExCon 2025**

As co-organiser of Africa Health ExCon 2025 held in Cairo, Egypt, Africa CDC played a central role in shaping dialogue around the continent’s health future. During the opening ceremony, Acting Deputy Director-General Dr. Raji Tajudeen urged stakeholders to align investment and innovation with African priorities, calling for the next decade to be declared the “Decade of Health Sovereignty” under Agenda 2063.

Throughout the event, Africa CDC highlighted key pillars for progress including responsible use of AI for health, domestic manufacturing of medical products, strengthened primary healthcare, empowered community health workers, and sustainable domestic financing.

Africa CDC also hosted a high-traffic exhibition booth, which welcomed key dignitaries including Namibia’s Minister of Health and Social Services, Dr. Esperance Luvindao. The visit provided an opportunity to discuss ongoing collaboration and strategies to support resilient health systems across the continent. The agency used the platform to reaffirm its commitment to Africa-led innovations, cross-country partnerships, and health equity for all.

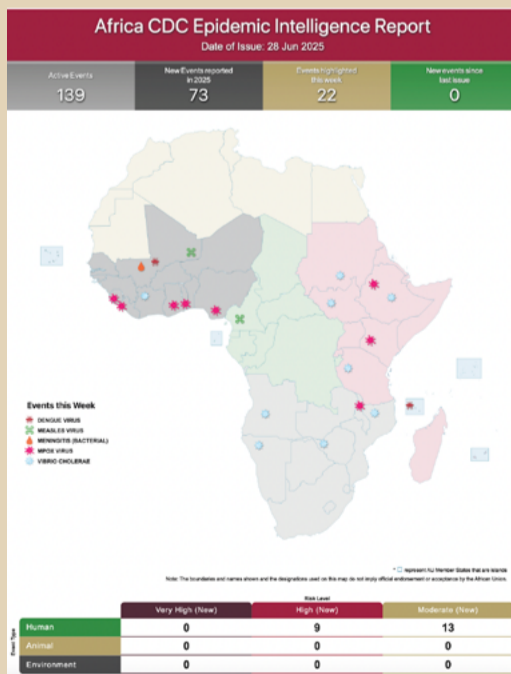
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**Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 28 June 2025**

**Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent**

The Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report highlights the epidemiological situation, risk assessments, and public health interventions by affected Member States, partners, and Africa CDC.

Focusing on moderate to very high-risk events, the report tracks a range of threats—from emerging infectious diseases to natural disasters—through a One Health, multisectoral lens. Events affecting both single and multiple countries are covered, empowering Member States and partners with the latest intelligence for timely, effective response.



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**Egypt’s Egyptian Drug Authority Signs Regulatory Reliance MoU — A Boost for Africa’s Local Manufacturing Agenda**

Africa CDC congratulates the Egyptian Drug Authority (EDA) for signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Regulatory Reliance on the sidelines of Africa Health ExCon 2025. By joining the continent’s seven other World Health Organization (WHO) Maturity Level 3 National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs), Egypt strengthens the collective commitment to enhance collaboration through reliance on trusted regulatory decisions.

This milestone marks a critical advancement in Africa’s journey toward scaling up local manufacturing of health products. Regulatory reliance enables streamlined approvals, avoids duplication of efforts, and improves access to quality, safe, and effective medical products across countries.

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**Africa CDC Applauds Dr Elombi’s Appointment as Afreximbank President**



Africa CDC extends warm congratulations to Dr. George Elombi, who began his term in September 2025 as the President of the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank). A seasoned development finance expert with nearly three decades at Afreximbank, Dr. Elombi brings deep institutional knowledge and a steadfast focus on Africa’s economic growth and health security. His appointment holds special significance given the continued partnership between Africa CDC and Afreximbank.

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**Africa CDC Expands Mental Health Leadership Programme Across Africa**

Africa CDC is scaling up its Mental Health Leadership Programme to address Africa’s growing mental health burden, which accounts for 13% of the global disease load. With support from the Wellcome Trust, the initiative has already trained over 130 leaders from 30 African Union Member States, equipping them with skills to integrate mental health into primary health care and drive policy change.

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