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Africa CDC Launches Agenda for Health Security and Sovereignty

The newly-launched vision for Africa's health security and sovereignty aims to reduce reliance on external systems and strengthen resilience against growing health threats. Developed by Africa CDC, the Africa Health Security and Sovereignty (AHSS) Agenda builds on the New Public Health Order and addresses challenges such as declining aid, rising outbreaks, and fragile supply chains.

The agenda is anchored in five pillars: reforming global health governance, strengthening pandemic preparedness and response, mobilising sustainable financing, advancing

digital transformation, and accelerating local manufacturing of essential medical countermeasures. Together, these pillars aim to create a unified, self-reliant health ecosystem across Africa.

Africa CDC emphasises that health sovereignty means equitable partnerships, not isolation. To ensure progress, it will work with Member States to implement a continental scorecard and strengthen advocacy, positioning Africa as a co-architect of global health security.

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Pandemic Fund Powers Preparedness in Africa



Africa CDC has welcomed the Pandemic Fund's approval of USD500 million in its Third Call for Proposals, with Africa set to receive USD234 million - 47% of the total.

Reacting to this milestone, Dr Jean Kaseya stressed that preparedness is what prevents outbreaks from becoming crises. He said the funding achievement highlights Africa's growing leadership in pandemic preparedness and its ability to develop strong, high-quality proposals.

As Co-Chair of the G20 High-Level Independent Panel - which championed a well-structured and sustainably funded Pandemic Fund - Dr Kaseya worked closely with the Fund's Board Members to foster constructive dialogue and develop scenarios that ensured all donors, including the United States, reaffirmed their full commitment to the Fund's mission.

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Africa Public Health Podcast: Season One Recap



Public health in Africa is evolving-and so is the conversation. Season one of the Africa Public Health Podcast, powered by Africa CDC, brought together expert voices from across the continent to unpack Africa's most pressing health challenges and homegrown solutions.

Six episodes are available now on YouTube, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and the Africa CDC website

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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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Reinforcing Borders and Readiness Against Marburg



In the wake of the confirmed Marburg outbreak in Ethiopia, Dr Kaseya held a productive discussion with H.E. Sarah Rial, South Sudan's Minister of Health. Both leaders emphasised the urgency of reinforcing regional readiness, improving information sharing, and strengthening surveillance along borders.

Dr Kaseya reaffirmed that Africa CDC remains fully committed to supporting Member States in protecting communities and preventing the further spread of the virus. He commended Ethiopia's swift action and transparent communication, which enabled early confirmation and containment of the outbreak. As a long-standing partner of the Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI), Africa CDC has supported Ethiopia in building critical molecular diagnostic and genomic surveillance capacity.

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Africa CDC and Ethiopia Unite to Reinforce Marburg Response

Dr Kaseya also met Ethiopia’s Minister of Health, Dr Mekdes Daba, and her team to commend their strong and timely management of the Marburg outbreak. They discussed the next steps to reinforce the response and ensure full containment. Africa CDC reaffirmed its commitment to stand with Ethiopia during this critical period.

On 14 November 2025, Ethiopia’s Ministry of Health confirmed that cases initially reported as suspected viral hemorrhagic fever were Marburg. Molecular testing conducted by the National Reference Laboratory at the Ethiopian Public Health Institute detected Marburg in patient samples.

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Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 22 November 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 dis-

eases 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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Africa’s Health Challenge: Cervical Cancer, Hypertension, Diabetes

In Johannesburg at the B20 Dialogue on accelerating action on noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) in Africa, Dr Jean Kaseya joined Ministers and partners to champion urgent health priorities. He highlighted that the growing burden of cervical cancer, hypertension and diabetes -alongside persistent infectious diseases - demands stronger health systems, smarter investments and deeper collaboration.

Dr Kaseya also stressed that strengthening health security and health sovereignty is critical to ensure that every woman, every child



and every community has access to the care they need. Standing proudly with Africa, he reaffirmed the shared commitment to drive lasting impact for healthier futures.

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Forging Partnerships for Africa’s Health Security in Djibouti



On the margins of the 3rd African Forum on Strengthening the Health Products Supply Chain, held in Djibouti, Dr Jean Kaseya met with H.E. President Ismail Omar Guelleh for a strategic discussion on Africa’s health security and pharmaceutical sovereignty. The conversation centred on how to strengthen epidemic preparedness, advance sustainable health financing and reinforce regional supply chains by leveraging Djibouti’s strategic position in the Horn of Africa.

The meeting was not just an exchange of ideas - it marked a shared commitment to building resilient health systems and ensuring access to essential medicines across the continent. Together, these efforts will help Africa move closer to self-reliance in health products and a future where no country is left vulnerable.

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Shaping Health Security: Africa’s Role in Pandemic Fund Deliberations

In Kigali for the 18th Governing Board meeting of the Pandemic Fund, Dr Kaseya joined discussions to review progress and align priorities in a rapidly changing health-financing landscape. Emphasising Africa’s leadership and needs, he noted their central role in shaping these deliberations. He expressed gratitude to the Government of Rwanda, acknowledging the warm welcome and praising its steadfast commitment to strengthening pandemic preparedness across the continent.



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