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Spotlight

AU-EU Health Partnership Charts New Phase Ahead of Luanda Summit

African and European delegates reaffirmed their health partnership during the AU-EU High-Level Steering Meeting in Pretoria, South Africa. The meeting set the stage for deeper cooperation ahead of the AU-EU Summit in Luanda, Angola (November 24–25, 2025) and marked the next phase of the 25-year AU-EU collaboration.

Hosted by South Africa's Ministry of Health at the University of Pretoria, the gathering brought together 30 delegates from 15 countries and 11 institutions to align on priorities for Universal Health Coverage, sustainable financing, and resilient health systems. Leaders emphasised

shared commitments to equity, innovation, and health sovereignty.

Since 2021, the AU-EU Health Partnership has advanced vaccine manufacturing, sexual and reproductive health, One Health security, digital health and support for public health institutes. Delegates outlined next steps, including pooled procurement, expanded digitisation and stronger institutional collaboration, carrying momentum into the Luanda Summit.

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Africa CDC Urges Countries to Act on Antimicrobial Resistance



Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is accelerating across Africa, threatening to undo decades of progress in health and food security. Experts warn that without urgent action, drug-resistant infections will drive up treatment costs, prolong illness and increase mortality.

At a recent Africa CDC-led consultation, AU organs and Member States agreed that the next phase of the continental AMR strategy must prioritise implementation and financing at the country level.

Although 47 African countries have drafted AMR action plans, most remain unfunded and

disconnected from national systems. This leaves hospitals, farms and communities exposed to uncontrolled misuse of antimicrobials in humans, animals and agriculture.

Speakers stressed that AMR is no longer a "silent pandemic" but a critical threat to health security and economic productivity. Governments were urged to integrate AMR into domestic budgets, strengthen One Health coordination and enforce regulatory measures to curb inappropriate antimicrobial use.

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Africa Public Health Podcast: Season One Recap



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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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Championing Autonomy in Health

At the AU-EU Health Partnership meeting in Pretoria, Dr Kaseya reaffirmed that Africa's health sovereignty must be at the centre of the new global health order.

For 25 years, this partnership has embodied solidarity, equity and shared responsibility. He emphasised that it is now time to turn these values into action -building a safer, healthier and more self-reliant Africa.



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Africa’s Health Future: Resilient and Self-Reliant

At the G20 High-Level Roundtable on Health Accountability and Equity in Pretoria, Dr Jean Kaseya outlined Africa’s vision for a stronger health future built on four pillars: resilient primary health care, local manufacturing, digital innovation, and sustainable financing—the foundation of the New Public Health Order.

These priorities aim to protect lives, strengthen systems, and bring care closer to communities. Dr Kaseya emphasized that collective action is essential to create a healthier, safer, and more self-reliant continent.

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Ending Cholera by 2030: Africa’s Roadmap for Change

No one should die from cholera - a disease that is both preventable and treatable. In a recent article published in Nature, Dr Kaseya and his colleagues outline Africa’s continental plan to eliminate cholera by 2030. The strategy is led by African governments, coordinated by Africa CDC and supported by global partners. Through clean water, improved sanitation, vaccines and sustained investment in resilient health systems, this preventable tragedy can be eliminated.



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Local Production: A Health Imperative

Also in Pretoria, Dr Kaseya participated in the Manufacturing and Access to Vaccines, Medicines and Health Technologies (MAV+) Partners’ Roundtable, held under the AU-EU Health Partnership framework. Together with partners, he discussed advancing Africa’s vaccine manufacturing agenda and building a sustainable, competitive ecosystem for the production, procurement and provision of vaccines on the continent. He emphasised that health sovereignty is not a dream but a necessity for Africa’s future.”



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Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 6 November 2025

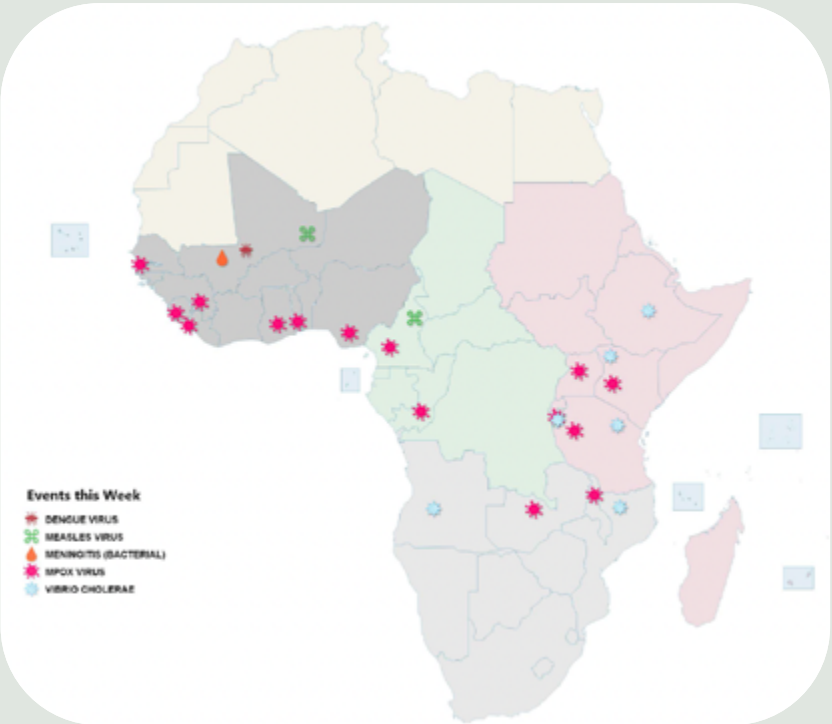
Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent

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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New Dashboard Maps Africa’s Health Supply Chains



Africa CDC and UNICEF are teaming up to make health products reach people faster and more reliably. Their new initiative, the Continental Supply Chain Snapshot, will give countries a clear view of how their supply chains work and where improvements are needed. The Snapshot will collect and organise data on planning, procurement, storage, digital systems and delivery. Linked to an interactive dashboard, it will track progress, highlight innovations, and help leaders act quickly during emergencies. Built with input from national ministries and partners, this tool will guide smarter investments and long-term planning. Beyond emergency response, the Snapshot is designed to strengthen Africa’s health

systems for the future. It will support workforce development, promote the use of digital tools, and encourage regional cooperation and local production - critical steps to reduce dependency and build resilience against future health crises. By turning scattered information into actionable insights, the Snapshot will strengthen Africa’s ability to respond to outbreaks and build resilient health systems. It aligns with Africa CDC’s Strategic Plan and global goals, aiming to ensure vaccines, medicines, and emergency supplies reach communities when they need them most.

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