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AU–EU Health Summit Affirms Shared Vision for Health Security

At the AU–EU Health Summit in Luanda, Angola, Dr Jean Kaseya joined Heads of State, Ministers and strategic partners to advance the dialogue on Africa's health security and sovereignty.

The summit provided a pivotal moment to assess progress on shared AU–EU priorities, including pandemic preparedness, equitable access to vaccines and diagnostics, and accelerating local manufacturing to reduce dependency on external supply chains.

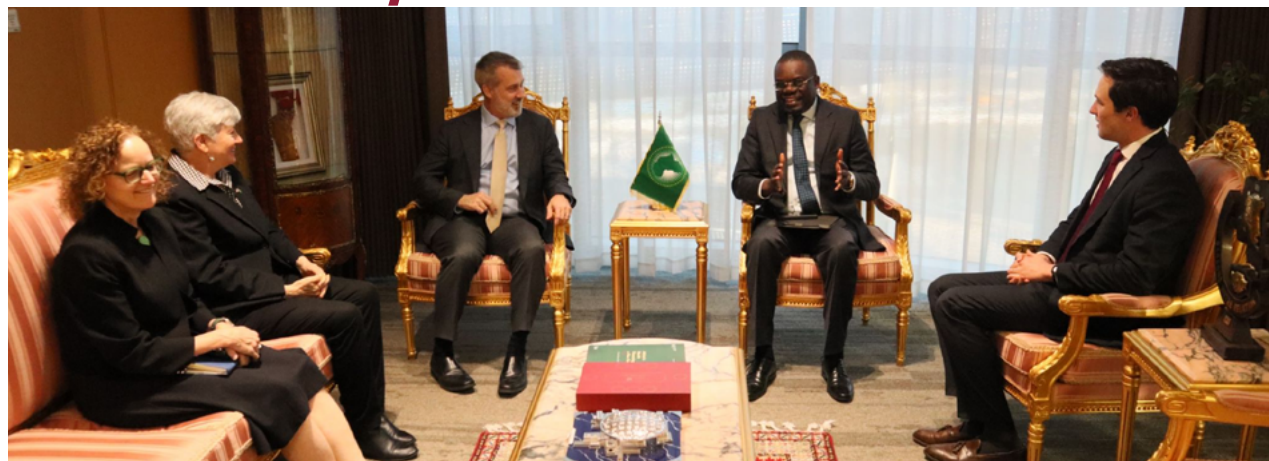
Dr Kaseya underscored that achieving these ambitions demands more than technical

solutions - it requires political will, sustained investment and a unified approach that places Africa's people at the centre. He emphasised that alignment around clear priorities and delivery at scale are essential to building resilient health systems capable of responding to current and future threats.

The discussions reaffirmed a shared commitment to transforming Africa's health landscape through innovation, partnership and continental solidarity.

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Africa CDC Welcomes US Delegation to Boost Health Security



Dr Kaseya hosted a high-level U.S. Government delegation at the Africa CDC Headquarters in Addis Ababa. Jeffrey Graham, Senior Bureau Official for the Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy, led the delegation. It included Ambassador Sullivan and members of the US Mission to the African Union team.

The visit highlighted the enduring partnership between Africa CDC and the United States, reaffirming shared priorities in strengthening health security across the continent. Discussions focused on deepening collaboration in critical areas such as pandemic preparedness,

emergency response and capacity building for resilient health systems.

Dr Kaseya expressed Africa CDC's appreciation for the United States' continued engagement and support, emphasising the importance of sustained cooperation to address emerging health threats. He also reiterated Africa CDC's readiness to explore new avenues of collaboration that will further advance health security and safeguard the well-being of Africa's populations.

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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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Community Health Workers Drive Africa's Health Security



Community health workers (CHWs) are indispensable to Africa's health security. Yet, the continent currently has only half of the two million CHWs needed to deliver primary health care and detect outbreaks early.

A new article in BMJ Global Health, co-authored by Dr Kaseya, highlights why accelerating and harmonising CHW programmes must be a top priority as Africa implements the Lusaka Agenda and advances the Africa Health Security and Sovereignty Agenda.

The article warns that fragmented, underfunded and poorly coordinated approaches continue to hinder progress. Scaling and sustaining CHW programmes - under one plan, one budget and one monitoring framework - is critical to achieving universal health coverage and protecting every community.

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Africa CDC and Algeria Strengthen Ties

On the margins of the African Ministerial Conference on Local Production of Medicines and Health Technologies in Algiers, Dr Kaseya met H.E. Sifi Ghrieb, the Prime Minister of Algeria. He commended Algeria’s commitment to expanding local pharmaceutical production and strengthening access to essential health technologies - an

important contribution to Africa’s health security. Expressing appreciation for Algeria’s leadership, Dr Kaseya reaffirmed Africa CDC’s continued collaboration to advance regional manufacturing and build stronger, more resilient health systems.

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Driving Local Manufacturing to Build Continental Resilience

At the African Ministerial Conference on the Local Production of Medicines and Health Technologies in Algiers, Algeria, Dr Kaseya reaffirmed Africa CDC’s commitment to health sovereignty. He emphasised the significance of this moment as African nations unite to accelerate local manufacturing, reduce dependency and strengthen health systems for a more resilient future. Dr Kaseya congratulated Algeria for its leadership and the remarkable achievement of increasing locally manufactured health commodities from 40% to 82% through the creation of the Ministry of Pharmaceutical Industry.



Africa CDC will continue to champion innovation, foster strategic partnerships and drive long-term investment in the continent’s public health architecture, according to Dr Kaseya.

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Countries Accelerate Genomics Integration in Public Health Systems



African countries are rapidly advancing their national genomics strategies, with six nations - Ghana, Ethiopia, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Nigeria - already integrating genomics into their public health systems. Eleven more countries have finalised their plans and await formal launch, while a further 21 are preparing multi-sectoral consultations to validate their strategies.

the use of genomic surveillance, harmonising metadata standards, and promoting regional data-sharing through platforms. Success will hinge on strong national leadership, sustained political and financial investment, and collaboration across governments, laboratories, academia, One Health partners and global health agencies.

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Africa CDC’s Africa Pathogen Genomics Initiative (Africa PGI) is driving coordinated action across the continent by expanding

Groundbreaking Mpox Vaccine Study Launched in DRC

Africa CDC, the World Health Organization and partners have initiated a major study in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to assess the safety and effectiveness of the LC16m8 mpox vaccine in real-world African settings. The research aims to generate critical evidence to inform future vaccination strategies, particularly for children and high-risk groups. LC16m8, a third-generation smallpox vaccine also used for mpox, has a long safety record in Japan and previous mpox outbreaks, including among people with well-controlled HIV. WHO granted the vaccine Emergency Use Listing in 2024.



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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.

Focuses 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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