

**WEEKLY BULLETIN | 12-18 January 2026**


## New Partnership Aims to Elevate Africa's Major Public Health Events

A new agreement between the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and Informa Markets, a global leader in live and on demand events and data services, aims to strengthen the management of large scale public health events mainly in Africa.

The Memorandum of Understanding is intended to strengthen the planning, delivery and long term sustainability of the International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA) and other flagship public health convenings. By combining Africa CDC's scientific and policy leadership with Informa Markets' global expertise in large scale event management, the partnership seeks to

enhance the quality, reach and impact of Africa's foremost public health platforms.

Since its launch in 2021, CPHIA has grown into Africa's leading forum for public health dialogue, policy alignment and scientific exchange, bringing together political leaders, researchers, health professionals and global partners. The fifth edition, CPHIA 2026, is scheduled to take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, with thousands of delegates expected to attend.

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## Talks Advance Africa CDC–EU Collaboration on Health Security



Discussions between Africa CDC and the European Commission marked an important step in strengthening collaboration on global health security and sustainable partnerships. The engagement brought together Africa CDC's senior leadership, led by Dr Kaseya, and Mr Martin Seychell, Deputy Director General of the Directorate General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA).

The talks focused on deepening cooperation to support resilient health systems, enhanced preparedness and coordinated responses to public health threats, building on shared Africa-EU commitments.

A co-creation session formed part of the engagement, centred on the European Commission President's newly announced Global Health Resilience Initiative. The two sides explored opportunities for strategic alignment and joint implementation to ensure the initiative delivers concrete and measurable results, particularly across the African continent.

Africa CDC reaffirmed its commitment to working closely with European partners to advance health security, strengthen health systems, and contribute to a safer and healthier world.

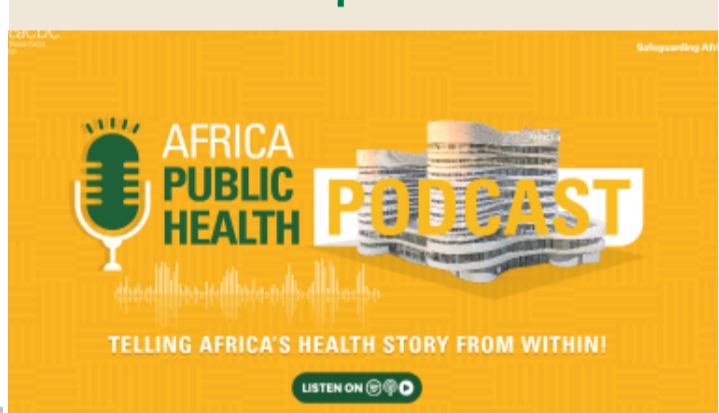
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**5 Pillars**  
**AFRICA'S  
HEALTH SECURITY  
AND SOVEREIGNTY  
AGENDA**

Africa's Health Security and Sovereignty (AHSS) agenda builds on the New Public Health Order adopted in 2022 after COVID-19. It addresses reduced aid, recurring outbreaks and fragile supply chains. Centred on five pillars - governance, preparedness, financing, digital innovation and local manufacturing - AHSS seeks to strengthen resilience and cut external dependence. By 2040, Africa aims to produce 60% of essential health products, secure its data and lead in global health.

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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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**DIRECTOR GENERAL'S  
ENGAGEMENTS**



**Brussels Meetings Advance Coordination on Africa's Public Health Priorities**

In Brussels, Dr Kaseya began a series of engagements to advance practical cooperation in support of Africa's public health priorities. His visit opened with an exchange with H.E. Ali Yakoub Mahamoud, African Union Ambassador to the European Union, and the African Union Office in Brussels, examining how coordination between African institutions and partners can better

support health security efforts across the continent.

The discussion focused on aligning ongoing initiatives, clarifying roles, and maintaining momentum to ensure commitments translate into concrete outcomes for countries and communities.

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**Engaging Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and the German Red Cross**

A meeting with Hermann Gröhe, Deputy Chairman of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and President of the German Red Cross (Deutsches Rotes Kreuz), former Federal Minister of Health and senior leader of Germany's Christian Democratic Union (CDU), provided an opportunity for Dr Kaseya to share his views on strengthening the global health architecture.

The discussion focused on enhancing national ownership, advancing preparedness and accelerating antimicrobial resistance efforts across Africa. Dr Kaseya reaffirmed the value of strong partnerships in delivering Africa's health security priorities and expressed his commitment to continued collaboration



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**Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 8 January 2026**

**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 CDC-Enabel Talks Spotlight Cooperation in the DRC**

Dr Kaseya attended the New Year reception hosted by Enabel in Brussels, under the leadership of Mr Jean Van Wetter, Enabel's CEO. Enabel, the development agency of the Belgian government, plays a significant role in supporting health systems and development programmes across Africa, including long standing engagement in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The gathering provided an informal setting to exchange views and reflect on opportunities to deepen collaboration between Belgium and Africa CDC, particularly in support of public health priorities in countries such as the DRC.



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**Geneva Discussions Examine Africa's Public Health Challenges**

In Geneva, Dr Kaseya began a series of engagements focused on advancing Africa's health security and strengthening collaboration with global partners. His visit opened with a meeting at the African Union Permanent Mission, where he held constructive discussions with H.E. Girma Amente, Permanent Representative of the

African Union to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other international organisations, on shared priorities for the continent. The exchanges focused on reinforcing cooperation and aligning efforts to support Africa's health security and broader development goals.

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**Closer Coordination for Africa's Public Health Response**

A meeting with Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organization, was among those that took place in Geneva. The exchange allowed for a brief discussion of priority public health issues and reaffirmed the importance of continued collaboration in support of countries across Africa.

The meeting reflected the close working relationship between Africa CDC and the WHO, particularly in areas such as disease surveillance, emergency preparedness and health systems strengthening. Both leaders underscored the value of sustained coordination between continental and



global institutions to support national health authorities and ensure effective responses to current and emerging public health challenges.

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**Gavi Geared Toward Stronger Health Security in Africa**



Also in Geneva, Dr Kaseya met with Dr Sania Nishtar, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, together with their respective teams, as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen cooperation on Africa's public health priorities. Discussions focused on preparedness and outbreak response, building resilient health systems, and strengthening sustainable

financing to support equitable access and health security across the continent. The exchange underscored the importance of well-aligned partnerships in translating shared objectives into impact at scale for countries and communities across Africa.

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