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Spotlight

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One Health Summit Unlocks Major Funding and a New Direction in Global Health

A funding commitment of over US\$250 million announced at the One Health Summit in Lyon, France, highlights a clear shift in global health, with Africa playing a leading role.

Africa CDC welcomed the outcomes of the summit, where strong African leadership helped advance the continent's priorities and resulted in the "One Health & Beyond: Multi stakeholder Declaration" to strengthen global cooperation on health threats affecting people, animals and the environment.

Africa CDC also welcomed new investments to address antimicrobial resistance, climate related

health risks and pandemic preparedness. The funds pledged will support stronger surveillance systems, improved laboratory capacity, a skilled One Health workforce, and more resilient health systems.

Together, the commitments reflect a move toward better coordinated partnerships aligned with Africa CDC's leadership and Africa's health security goals, with further engagement planned through key meetings in 2026.

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New Senior Appointments to Support the Africa Health Security and Sovereignty Agenda

A new cohort of senior leaders has joined Africa CDC to accelerate delivery of the Africa Health Security and Sovereignty (AHSS) Agenda. The appointments strengthen priority areas, including pooled procurement, immunisation, pandemic prevention and response, regional coordination, sustainable financing and digital transformation.

Collectively, the leaders bring deep, cross-sector experience spanning public health, policy,

academia and industry, reinforcing Africa CDC's capacity to support Member States and advance a more resilient, self-reliant and people-centred public health system across the continent. The appointments reflect Africa CDC's continued investment in strong, mission-driven leadership to strengthen institutional performance and deliver lasting impact for Africa's public health architecture.

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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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Financing Africa's Health Security and Sovereignty

Africa's health-financing landscape has entered a decisive transition. After two decades of progress supported by expanding development assistance for health (DAH) and disease-specific programmes, the continent now faces a convergence of fiscal pressures that threaten the sustainability of health systems and recent gains in coverage and outcomes.



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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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DIRECTOR GENERAL'S ENGAGEMENTS



President Mahama Endorses Africa Led Health Reform Agenda

Ghanaian President H.E. John Dramani Mahama received Dr Kaseya for discussions focused on advancing public health across Africa and accelerating implementation of the Accra Reset through the Africa Health Security and Sovereignty (AHSS) Agenda.

During the meeting, President Mahama agreed to serve as Patron of the African High-Level Ministerial Committee on the Reform of the Global Health Architecture (AHLMC). In this role, he will engage

with Ministers at the Committee's inaugural meeting in Nairobi later in April and host the Committee in Accra in the coming months. This development underscores Africa's determination to organise, align and lead reforms of the global health system on its own terms. President Mahama also welcomed the appointment of Prof. Osinbajo as Senior Strategic Advisor to Africa CDC.

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Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 23 March 2026

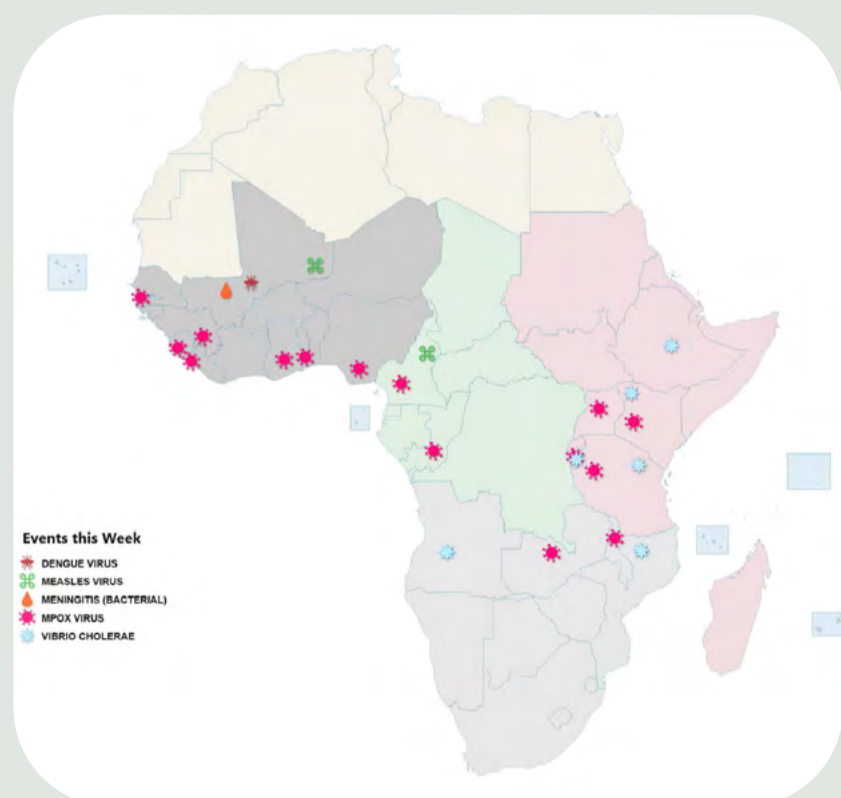
Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent

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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Big Win as Ex Nigerian Vice President Yemi Osinbajo Joins Africa CDC

Former Nigerian Vice President H.E. Prof. Yemi Osinbajo has joined Africa CDC as Senior Strategic Advisor to the Director General.

Welcoming the appointment, Dr Kaseya noted that at a critical moment for Africa's health future, Prof. Osinbajo's experience, leadership and deep understanding of governance will be instrumental in advancing the Africa Health Security and Sovereignty (AHSS) Agenda.

The appointment is expected to further strengthen Africa's voice in global health and support the delivery of sustainable, African led solutions for the continent.



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Africa Asserts Its Voice at High Level Global Health Meeting

A meeting between Dr Kaseya, President Emmanuel Macron, President John Dramani Mahama, President Duma Boko, and global health leaders enabled a candid exchange on Africa's role in shaping global health. The message was unequivocal: Africa's sovereignty is non negotiable.

The discussion reflected a common understanding that Africa must speak for itself and act collectively through the African High Level Ministerial Committee on the Reform of the Global Health Architecture. It highlighted a growing alignment around leadership, coordination and ownership -

signalling Africa's commitment to shaping its future in global health on its own terms.



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Investing Early: Africa's Case for Prevention and One Health

At the One Health Summit in Lyon, Dr Kaseya highlighted that 56% of public health events in Africa are linked to climate and environmental drivers. Antimicrobial resistance, he noted, has already become a leading cause of death on the continent - surpassing the combined burden of HIV, tuberculosis and malaria.

Dr Kaseya emphasised the need for stronger investment in prevention, surveillance and coordinated action across human, animal and environmental health, underscoring that every dollar invested in prevention yields significant returns by avoiding the high costs of outbreaks. He also stressed that stronger and more

sustainable financing will be critical - requiring better coordination, longer-term investments and systems capable of responding to evolving risks. Africa CDC, he said, remains committed to working with African Union Member States and partners to advance the One Health approach through shared responsibility and practical, results driven action.



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A Discussion with Burundi's First Lady

A meeting in Addis Ababa with H.E. Angeline Ndayishimiye, First Lady of the Republic of Burundi, provided an opportunity for an exchange on shared health and social priorities. Dr Kaseya acknowledged her sustained attention to the needs of women, children and vulnerable communities, as well as her active role in advancing practical solutions. He also reaffirmed Africa CDC's commitment to continued collaboration with Burundi to strengthen public health efforts and build long term resilience across the continent.



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