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Spotlight

Planning Begins for Africa's Premier Public Health Conference

Preparations are underway for the fifth edition of the Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA), following the official launch of the planning by the Government of Ethiopia and Africa CDC.

Scheduled for 23 to 27 November 2026, the conference will bring together governments, scientists, policymakers, health professionals and partners to advance practical solutions for Africa's health transformation.

CPHIA has become Africa's leading forum for public health dialogue, scientific exchange and policy coordination. Having the conference in Addis Ababa further reinforces Ethiopia's role as a key diplomatic and institutional centre for continental cooperation and global engagement.

Organisers expect participation to grow significantly, from 2,500 delegates at the inaugural edition in 2021 to around 30,000 participants in 2026.

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New Advisory Group to Advance Genomics on the Continent

A new high-level advisory body announced by Africa CDC Director General Dr Jean Kaseya will provide independent technical guidance on the governance and strategic use of genomics across Africa, marking a major step in strengthening the continent's health security and scientific leadership.

Known as the African Strategic Advisory Group on Genomics (ASAG), the body will support the ethical and equitable application of genomics in public health programming, disease

surveillance, outbreak preparedness, precision medicine and the development of medical countermeasures.

The initiative builds on progress made through the Africa Pathogen Genomics Initiative, which has expanded sequencing, laboratory, bioinformatics and data systems across Africa and supported responses to threats such as mpox, cholera, malaria and antimicrobial resistance.

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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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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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DIRECTOR GENERAL'S ENGAGEMENTS



Global Leaders Engage on Africa's Expanding Health and Investment Landscape

In Los Angeles for the Milken Institute Global Conference 2026, Dr Kaseya engaged with global leaders from government, philanthropy, finance and industry on Africa's growing role in global health and economic transformation.

Dr Kaseya met with eminent persons such as former US First Lady Jill Biden, Mark Suzman, Kristalina Georgieva and Neal Mohan. He highlighted Africa's demographic and economic trajectory, noting that the continent's population is expected to grow from 1.5 billion today

to 2.5 billion in the coming decades. Explaining that Africa CDC is working with Member States to convert growing health-sector demand into investable opportunities, Dr Kaseya said the continent is also strengthening its role in shaping global health and investment priorities.

He stressed that Africa's future will increasingly be shaped by strategic investment, innovation and partnerships, rather than reliance on aid alone.

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Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 19 April 2026

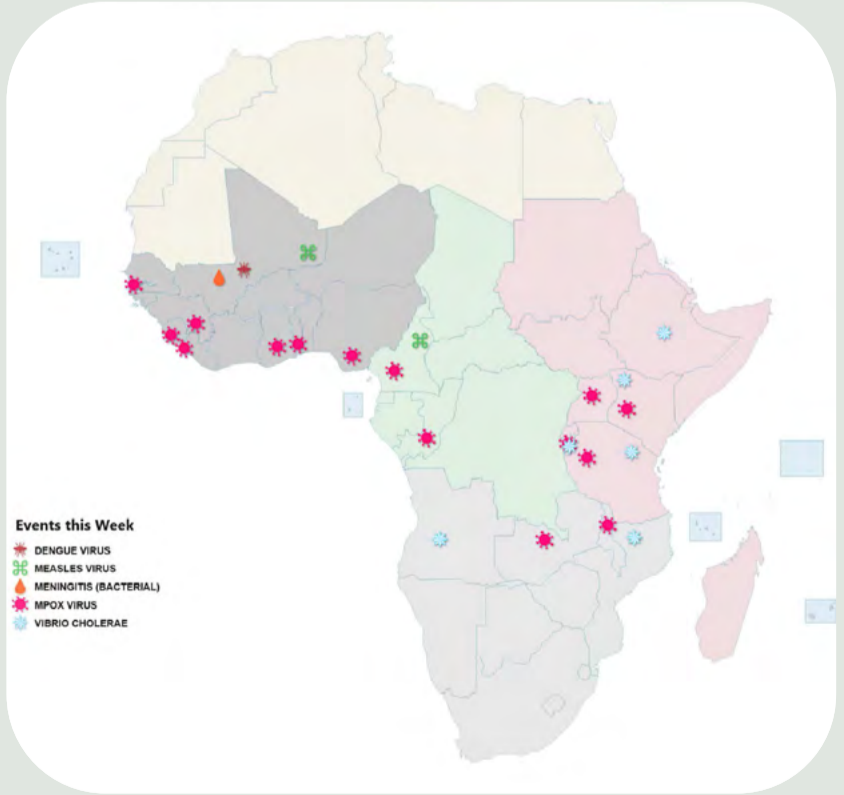
Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent

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.

Events 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.

Focusing on moderate to very high-risk events, the report tracks a range of threats-from emerging infectious dis-

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New Appointment Strengthens Africa CDC's Global Health Diplomacy

Dr Kaseya welcomed Ambassador Tordeta Alexandre Ratebaye as Strategic Advisor on Legal Affairs, External Relations and Strategic Negotiations at Africa CDC, describing the appointment as an important step in strengthening the institution's engagement in global health governance, strategic partnerships and high-level negotiations.



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Ambassador Tordeta Alexandre Ratebaye brings extensive experience in diplomacy, international law and multilateral engagement, including serving in the Cabinet of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, where he contributed to strategic programmes and international engagement.

Mogae Remembered as Champion of Africa's Progress

Former Botswana president Festus Gontebanye Mogae has been remembered by Africa CDC as a respected African statesman whose leadership advanced good governance, public health and Africa's development agenda.



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Paying tribute, Dr Kaseya said President Mogae's recent acceptance to serve on the African High-Level Ministerial Committee on the Reform of the Global Health Architecture reflected his continued commitment to the continent

New Africa-Led Initiative Targets Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance

A new four-year initiative aimed at strengthening antimicrobial resistance (AMR) surveillance and microbiology laboratory systems across Africa has been launched by Africa CDC in collaboration with the African Society for Laboratory Medicine, and the European Union.

The initiative comes as Africa continues to face major diagnostic gaps in detecting and monitoring AMR. It will focus on improving laboratory infrastructure, quality systems, equipment and workforce capacity to strengthen surveillance and support better clinical care.

Known as ARILAC, the project will support eight African Union Member States to improve laboratory capacity, genomic surveillance and the use of One Health data systems.

The launch meeting was held in Addis Ababa and brought together public health institutions, laboratories and development partners from across the continent.

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Tunisia Modernises Vaccine Storage and Monitoring Systems

Tunisia has become the latest African country to benefit from the Saving Lives and Livelihoods (SLL) initiative, a continent-wide programme funded by the Mastercard Foundation and coordinated by Africa CDC to strengthen health security and epidemic preparedness.

regional depots received temperature monitoring devices, refrigerators, coolers and IT equipment to improve vaccine management and safeguard quality. Additional upgrades are underway in southern regions including Gafsa, Gabes and Kebili.

With UNICEF leading its implementation in Tunisia, the programme is helping modernise vaccine storage and distribution systems through investments in cold chain infrastructure, digital monitoring and workforce training.



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More than 100 health professionals from across Tunisia have been trained, while