



## **MINISTERIAL EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME (MELP)**

***“Harnessing Political Commitment for an Adaptive and Resilient Health System:  
A Health Leadership Imperative in Africa”***

### **FINAL AGENDA**

**February 13, 2025**  
**Africa CDC Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Proposed Speaker</b>	<b>Facilitator/Moderator</b>
<b>08:30 – 09:00</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Security screening</b>		
<b>Session I: Presidential Solidarity Session</b>			
<b>09:00 – 09:15</b>	<b>Welcome remarks</b>	<b>H.E. Dr. Jean Kaseya; Director General; Africa CDC</b>	<b>Dr. Tajudeen Raji; Deputy Director General, Africa CDC</b>
<b>09:15 – 09:20</b>	<b>Official opening remarks</b>	<b>H.E. Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa;</b> Deputy Chairperson, AUC.	<b>H.E. Dr. Jean Kaseya; Director General; Africa CDC</b>
<b>09:20 – 09:30</b>	<b>Remarks from Chair of Board, Africa CDC</b>	<b>H.E. Dr. Elijah Muchima;</b> Minister of Health, Zambia.	
<b>09:30 – 09:40</b>	<b>Solidarity remarks</b>	<b>H.E Bola Ahmed Tinubu;</b> President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Represented by <b>H.E. Prof. Muhammad Ali Pate;</b> Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Nigeria	
<b>09:40 – 09:50</b>	<b>Solidarity remarks</b>	<b>H.E. Teye Atske Selassie;</b> President of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia. Represented <b>by H.E Dr. Mekdes Daba Feyssa;</b> Minister of Health, Ethiopia.	

<b>09:50 – 09:55</b>	<b>Solidarity statement from UNAIDS</b>	<b>Ms Winnie Byanyima</b> – Executive Director, UNAIDS	
<b>09:55 – 10:00</b>	<b>Solidarity statement from UNICEF</b>	<b>Mrs Etleva Kadili</b> – Regional Director, UNICEF ESA	
<b>10:00 – 10:10</b>	<b>Official Photo</b>	<b>AU Protocol Officers</b>	
<b>Session 2: Reimagining Primary Health Care in Africa</b>			
<b>10:10 – 10:30</b>	<b>Reimagining Primary Health Care in Africa:</b> Investing in Systems for Equity and Resilience	<b>H.E. Prof. Muhammad Ali Pate;</b> Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Nigeria	<b>Dr. Alex Coutinho;</b> Programme Coordinator MELP and Kofi Annan Global Health Leadership Programme
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>11.00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Expert Panel Discussion:</b>  <b>Part I: <u>Scaling Primary Health Care Systems for Sustainable Development in Africa</u></b>  Discussion topics:	<b>Panelists:</b>  <b>H.E. Dr. Mekdes Daba Feyssa;</b> Minister of Health, Ethiopia.  <b>Dr. Sílvia Lutucuta;</b> Minister of Health, Angola	<b>Prof. Nicolas Meda;</b> Former Minister of Health, Burkina Faso.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHC as the frontline for resilience and preparedness.</li> <li>• Lusaka Agenda.</li> <li>• Mobilizing community health workers to expand healthcare access.</li> <li>• Challenges and opportunities in realizing PHC potential in Africa.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Dr. Landry Dongmo Tsague</b>, Director, Centre for Primary Health Care, Africa CDC.</p> <p><b>Dr. Awa Marie Coll-Seck</b>; Former Minister of Health, Senegal, and former Executive Director of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership.</p> <p><b>Participating ministers for discussions from the floor</b></p>	
<b>12:00 – 13:00</b>	<p><b>Expert Panel Discussion:</b></p> <p><b>Part 2: <u>Accelerating UHC in Africa: Lessons from the Field</u></b></p> <p>Discussion topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy reforms to accelerate sustainable PHC and UHC implementation in African countries.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <p><b>H.E. Dr. Debra Mulongo Barasa</b>, Minister of Health, Kenya.</p> <p><b>H.E. Dr. Pierre N’gou Dimba</b>, Minister of Health, Public Hygiene, and Universal Health Coverage, Côte D’Ivoire.</p> <p><b>H.E. Professor Adrien Mougougou</b>, Minister of Health, Gabon.</p>	<p><b>Hon. Prof. Isaac Adewole</b>, Former Minister of Health, Nigeria.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overcoming financial and political barriers to UHC.</li> <li>• Leveraging public-private partnerships for PHC and UHC.</li> <li>• Digital Health to drive UHC.</li> </ul>	<p><b>H.E. Dr. Mustapha Ferjani</b>, Minister of Health, Tunisia.</p> <p><b>Participating ministers for discussions from the floor</b></p>	
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>A private lunch to be arranged between the DG, Africa CDC, Ministers and Principals</b>		
<b>Session 3: Cross-sectoral Collaboration for Health Security and Emergency Response</b>			
<b>14:30 – 15:00</b>	<p><b>The Future of Health Systems:</b> Why Cross-sectoral Collaboration is Key to Building Adaptable Systems in Africa.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Ngashi Ngongo</b>, Principal Advisor, Africa CDC &amp; Continental Incidence Manager for Mpox, Africa CDC IMST.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Joy Phumaphi</b>, Former Minister of Health, Botswana &amp; Executive Secretary, African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA).</p>

<p><b>15:00 – 16.30</b></p>	<p><b>Panel Discussion: The Power of Multisectoral Approaches to Tackling Pandemics and Emergencies</b></p> <p>Discussion topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent emerging outbreaks – Marburg and Ebola.</li> <li>• Building cross-sector resilience: Integrating health and finance to tackle future pandemics.</li> <li>• Strengthening regional emergency preparedness through intersectoral collaboration.</li> <li>• Exploring the climate-health nexus through the emergency response lens.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Panelists:</u></b></p> <p><b>H.E. Dr. Sabin Nsanzimana</b>, Minister of Health, Rwanda.</p> <p><b>H.E. Dr. Austin Demby</b>, Minister of Health and Sanitation, Sierra Leone.</p> <p><b>H.E. Dr. Mitoha Ondo’o Ayekaba</b>, Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Republic of Equatorial Guinea.</p> <p><b>H.E. Dr. Jenista Mhagama</b>, Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Tanzania.</p> <p><b>Participating ministers for discussions from the floor</b></p>	<p><b>Hon. Dr. Richard Nchabi Kamwi</b>, Former Minister of Health, Namibia.</p>
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<b>16:30 – 16:45</b>	<b>Reflection and way forward</b>	<b>H.E. Dr. Mekdes Daba Feyssa;</b> Minister of Health, Ethiopia.	<b>Dr. Bilguissou Balde;</b> Chief of Staff and Head of Executive Office, Africa CDC.
<b>16:45 – 17:00</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>	<b>H.E. Dr. Jean Kaseya;</b> Director General, Africa CDC.	
<b>17:00 – 19:00</b>	<b>Ministerial networking cocktail reception &amp; traditional entertainment</b>	<b>All participants</b>	<b>Allure events</b>