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MEDIA ADVISORY

Weekly Press Briefing on Coronavirus Disease Outbreak INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

- WHAT:** The novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has spread to over 200 countries and territories and claimed more than 320,000 lives worldwide. Nearly 120,000 cases have been reported in 54 African countries, with over 3,500 deaths. Africa CDC is supporting African Union Member States in responding to the outbreak. This briefing will provide updated information from Member States and new actions taken by Africa CDC and other partners in respond to the pandemic.
- SPEAKER:** Dr. John Nkengasong, Director, Africa CDC
- WHEN:** Thursday, 28 May 2020
- TIME:** 11.00–12.00 pm East Africa Time
- WHERE:** **Online through Bluejeans, Meeting ID is 442 097 410**

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Background Information

The total number of COVID-19 cases is now over 5.4 million globally. With several confirmed cases in 54 African countries, Africa CDC is working with Member States to ensure appropriate response to the outbreak in their countries. The Director of Africa CDC will provide critical update on the coordinated efforts by Member States to implement the AU's joint continental strategy on COVID-19 and highlight key steps taken to support the PACT initiative across countries and other countermeasures taken to minimize fatality due to the disease in Africa.

Here are basic things to note about tomorrow's briefing.

- Journalists will be allowed to ask questions directly online. If you have a question send your name and the name of your media house to WhatsApp # **(+251 945 502 310)**, the following emails (GwehN@africa-union.org, molalett@africa-union.org) and they will be taken by the moderator.
- Journalists who cannot ask questions directly online should send their questions to the same number or email addresses.

Journalists are invited to connect and attend the press briefing on Thursday, 28 May 2020, at 11.00 a.m. East Africa Time.

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About the African Union

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About Africa CDC

Africa CDC is a specialized technical institution of the African Union which supports Member States in their efforts to strengthen health systems and improve surveillance, emergency response, prevention and control of diseases.

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