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MEDIA ADVISORY

Weekly Press Briefing on COVID-19 INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

WHAT: Africa CDC weekly engagement with the media to provide critical update on the coordinated efforts by African Union Member States to implement the Joint Africa Continental Strategy on COVID-19.

SPEAKERS: 1. Dr John Nkengasong, Director, Africa CDC
2. Dr Alex Ario, Director, Uganda National Institute of Public Health

WHEN: Thursday, 23 July 2020

TIME: 11.00–12.00 pm Eastern Africa Time

WHERE: Online through ZOOM, Meeting ID is 952 2118 5752

Connect to the briefing through this link:

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Live stream: <https://livestream.com/africanunion/events/9033858>

Background Information

The COVID-19 pandemic has spread to about 215 countries and territories with nearly 13 million cases and about 600,000 deaths worldwide. Nearly 750,000 cases have been reported in 54 African countries, with over 15,000 deaths. Africa CDC is working with several partners to support Member States in providing appropriate response to the outbreak in their countries. In addition to the Director of Africa CDC the briefing will feature

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the Director of the Uganda National Institute of Public Health who will provide updates on Uganda's response to the pandemic.

Kindly note that there will be French and Portuguese interpretation during the.

If you have a question, please send your question along with your name and the name of your media organization to the WhatsApp number **+251 945 502 310**, or to GwehN@africa-union.org, molalett@africa-union.org and your questions will be taken by the moderator.

Journalists can also ask questions directly online.

Journalists are invited to connect and attend the press briefing on Thursday, 23 July 2020, at 11.00 a.m. Eastern Africa Time.

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About Africa CDC

Africa CDC is a specialized technical institution of the African Union that strengthens the capacity and capability of Africa's public health institutions as well as partnerships to detect and respond quickly and effectively to disease threats and outbreaks, based on data-driven interventions and programmes.

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