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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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

**WHAT:** Africa CDC weekly engagement with members of the media to share critical updates on the coordinated efforts by African Union Member States to implement the joint continental strategy in response to COVID-19. It also highlights key steps taken to support other initiatives such as PACT, vaccine development and the saving lives, economies and livelihoods campaign as countries transition through different stages of the pandemic.

**SPEAKERS:** **Dr John Nkengasong**, Director, Africa CDC, and  
**Dr Anne-Marie Antchouey**, Direction General, Ministry of Health, Gabon

**WHEN:** Thursday, 27 August 2020

**TIME:** 11.00–12.00 pm East Africa Time

**WHERE:** **Online through ZOOM, Meeting ID is 958 8712 4972**

Please use the link below to join the briefing

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

## **Background Information**

The novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has spread to about 215 countries and territories with more than 23 million cases; and claimed more than 810,000 lives worldwide. Over 1.2million cases have been reported in all 55 African countries, with nearly 28,000 deaths. Africa CDC is working with Member States to ensure appropriate response to the outbreak in countries to keep up the encouraging number of recoveries and the impressive public health measures adopted by governments across the continent so far. Thursday's briefing will also feature Dr Anne-Marie Antchouey, Direction General of the Ministry of Health of Gabon to outline how the country has manage its response to the COVID19 since it recorded the first case.

Kindly note that there will be French and Portuguese interpretations during the weekly briefing going forward.

Here are basic things to note about tomorrows 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](mailto:GwehN@africa-union.org), [molalett@africa-union.org](mailto:molalett@africa-union.org)) and they will be taken by the moderator.
- Colleagues 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, 27 August 2020, at 11.00 a.m. East Africa Time.***

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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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