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MEDIA ADVISORY

Weekly Press Briefing on Coronavirus Disease Outbreak

INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

WHAT: Weekly engagement with members of the media to share critical updates on key steps taken to implement specific initiatives of the joint continental strategy for COVID-19 response; and to also highlight the coordinated efforts by African Union Member States to combat the pandemic in their respective countries.

SPEAKERS: Dr John Nkengasong, Director, Africa CDC, and Dr Amadou Sall, Scientific Director, Institute Pasteur le Dakar, Senegal

WHEN: Thursday, 3 September 2020

TIME: 11.00–12.00 pm East Africa Time

WHERE: Online through ZOOM, Meeting ID is 979 2153 3239

Please use the link below to join the briefing

<https://zoom.us/j/97921533239?pwd=Z3BZU2tqekFyZ0xhcEplUHd3eXgrZz09>

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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 25 million cases; and claimed more than 848,000 lives worldwide. Over 1.3million cases have been reported in all 55 African countries, with nearly 30,000 deaths. Africa CDC is working with Member States to ensure appropriate response to the

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outbreak in countries to keep up the impressive public health measures adopted by governments across the continent so far and to maintain the encouraging number of recoveries from the disease. Thursday's briefing will also feature Dr Amadou Sall, Scientific Director at the Institute Pasteur de Dakar, based in Senegal to throw light on significant progress made by the country in terms of its management of the COVID-19 crisis.

Kindly note that the briefings now covers 3 (English, French and Portuguese) of the AU working languages for interpretation purpose.

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, 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, 3rd September 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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