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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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

**OVERVIEW:** This briefing is a weekly engagement of the Africa Centres of Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) with the media to share critical updates on the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa and the status of implementing the Africa Joint Continental Strategy for COVID-19 Outbreak, including Africa CDC's response activities and the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines in AU Member States.

This week's briefing will also include the special launch of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Leadership Program (PHEPR-LR) by Africa CDC and its partners.

**SPEAKER(s):** **Dr John Nkengasong**, Director, Africa CDC

**Mr. Zwelethu Bashman**, Managing Director: South & Sub Saharan Africa, MSD

**Dr Ambrose Talisuna**, Programme Manager for Emergency Preparedness, WHO

**Dr Githinji Gitahi**, Group Chief Executive Officer, Amref Health Africa

**MODERATOR:** **Wynne Musabayana**, Head of Communication, AUC

**WHEN:** Thursday, 06 May 2021

**TIME:** 12:00–1:00 pm East Africa Time (9:00 to 10:00 am GMT)

**Join via zoom:** [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_IzrHHLdER3KkhflCnogOJA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IzrHHLdER3KkhflCnogOJA)

#### Live stream

- <https://livestream.com/africanunion/events/9033858>
- On Africa CDC social media platforms: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#)

**Languages:** The briefing will be available in **English** and **French** through interpretation.

#### Media Q&A

Journalists may submit questions to Africa CDC during the briefing by sending their **full name** and the **name of their media organization** to WhatsApp at **+251 94 550 2310**.

Journalists may also ask questions live through Zoom.

#### Media inquiries:

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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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