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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 for 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 adapted 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.

Thursday's briefing will focus on the potential fourth wave of the pandemic across many AU Member States as citizens prepare for the end-of-year holidays, and also highlights available scientific facts and all that scientists have gathered so far about the Omicron variant from ongoing research.

SPEAKER: Dr John Nkengasong, Director, Africa CDC

MODERATOR: Wynne Musabayana, Head of Communication, AUC

WHEN: Thursday, 23 December 2021

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

Join via zoom: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bwXkUCIfT2GDN-leXwWy2A

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.

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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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