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**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

## **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 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.

The briefing on Thursday will focus on the importance of scaling up rapid antigen testing across the continent to pick up hot spots considering the potential increase in cases following the end-of-year holiday celebrations. The director will also highlight encouraging increase in the rate of COVID-19 vaccination across Member States and expand on issues of previous and emerging COVID-19 variants.

**SPEAKER:** Dr John Nkengasong, Director, Africa CDC

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

**WHEN:** Thursday, 27 January 2022

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

**Join via zoom:** [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_usefofmYThKrye3Xd6yPsQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_usefofmYThKrye3Xd6yPsQ)

**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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