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SPECIAL PRESS BRIEFING ON AFRICAN UNION'S COVID-19 COMMISSION PROGRESS REPORT

INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

OVERVIEW: This special briefing will focus on the Progress Report of the African Union's COVID-19 Commission headed by H.E. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa, and AU Champion on COVID-19 pandemic response.

President Cyril Ramaphosa will present a Progress Report on the African Union Response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa, during the 35TH ORDINARY SESSION of the ASSEMBLY of the African Union. Following the report, Africa CDC will host a briefing to discuss key aspects of President Ramaphosa's presentation.

SPEAKERS: Dr John Nkengasong, Director, Africa CDC

Dr. Olive Shisana, Hon. Professor and President's Special Advisor on Social Policy, Republic of South Africa

MODERATOR: Wynne Musabayana, Head of Communication, AUC

WHEN: Saturday, 05 February 2022

TIME: 5:30–6:30pm East Africa Time (2:30 to 3:30pm GMT)

VENUE : Small Conference Room #4, New Conference Center, AUC

Kindly note that tomorrow's briefing will also be live online to allow us serve colleagues who usually attend the weekly press briefing via the zoom platform.

Join via zoom: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ylwk2QRaRKytypinJ9J0AA

Live stream: https://livestream.com/africanunion/events/9033858

• On Africa CDC social media platforms: <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>YouTube</u>

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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