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Date: 1st March 2022

Venue: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

What: Spotlight on Africa: Evaluating and Building Resilient Health an Africa with the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC)

Where: PPP Nexus

When: 1st March, 2022

Time: 14:00 – 18:00 GST (Gulf Standard Time)

Who: The Africa CDC in partners with World Health Organisation (WHO) and Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences.



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Speakers

- H.E. Dr Monique Nsanzabaganwa, Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission
- H.E. Guy Patrick Obiang, Minister of Health, Gabon
- H.E. Sultan AlShamsi, Assistant Minister for International Development Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- Dr John Nkengasong, Director of Africa CDC
- Ms Chido Mpemba, AU Special Envoy on Youth
- Ms Gwen Mwaba, Director and Global Head, Trade Finance, Afreximbank

Background:

This event aims to highlight current and emerging challenges for the African health sector, as well as best practises, policy recommendations, success stories, home-grown solutions, and opportunities for collaboration among African countries. Panels, expert Q&As and fireside chats will address topics such as the need for strong political will during health crises, investing in local manufacturing of drugs and vaccines, financing health care in a post-COVID world, delivering health services in fragile and post-conflict settings, and building resilient health systems to withstand future health emergencies.

Objectives

- Observe Africa CDC's 5th year of establishment and its key role as a lead public health agency in improving outbreak response on the African Continent
- Share lessons learnt from Africa CDC as well as other partners and participants, focusing on main disease outbreaks on the continent (e.g., COVID-19, Ebola, other disease outbreaks)
- Introduce Africa CDC's second round Strategic Plan to harness assets to support Africa CDC's mission to safeguard the continent

- Spark meaningful dialogue that emphasises the need to rebuild Africa's health systems in a resilient manner
- Provide a platform for leaders to recommit to their health priorities and initiate plans to build more resilient and responsive health systems
- Discuss investment opportunities in the African healthcare sector for global, regional, and local partners - including international cooperation and partnerships in infrastructure development, human capital development, and R&D capacity-building

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