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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Africa CDC Weekly Press Briefing on the response to public health emergencies 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 response to the COVID-19 pandemic and other public health emergencies in Africa.

Thursday's briefing will focus on the launch of a large-scale, multi-country COVID-19 vaccination campaign in Southern Africa under the Saving Lives and Livelihoods initiative, scheduled to take place in Lusaka, Zambia. The briefing will host a representative of the Zambian government who will highlight key milestones of the SLL program in the country; also, the regular updates on the epidemiological situation of COVID-19, the ongoing Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak in Uganda and other health emergencies will also be provided.

**SPEAKERS:** **Dr Ahmed Ogwel OUMA**, Ag. Director, Africa CDC  
**Professor Roma Chilengi**, Director General, Zambia National Public Health Institute (ZNPHI) & Special Assistant to the President on Health

**MODERATOR:** **Mr. Nekerwon Gweh**, Communication Officer, AUC

**WHEN:** Thursday, 10 November 2022

**TIME:** 12:00–1:00pm East Africa Time (09:00 to 10:00am GMT)

**Join via zoom:** [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_hurlpWA9Tc2vDQogTGqLUw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hurlpWA9Tc2vDQogTGqLUw)

**Live streams:** <https://livestream.com/africanunion/events/9033858>

**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**

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) is a specialized autonomous Public Health agency 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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