

## **Directorate of Communication and Public Information (CPI)**

### **INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA**

**WHAT:** Africa CDC Ministerial Executive Leadership Programme (MELP)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual High-level Ministerial Forum

**WHEN:** Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**TIME:** 09:00hrs – 17:00hrs | East Africa Time (GMT +3)

**WHERE:** Sheraton Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

#### **Overview:**

The Ministerial Executive Leadership Program (MELP) is a groundbreaking flagship initiative of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) designed to strengthen the capacities of Health Ministers through the key pillars of Leadership, Collaboration, Innovation, and Transformation towards achieving a healthy Africa. The MELP closely aligns with the Africa CDC New Public Health Order and the Africa Union (AU) Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want.

The MELP has previously hosted two annual forums in February 2023 and 2024 respectively which has immensely contributed to its overall recorded success till date. This year's event will convene Heads of State and Government, Ministers of Health, Africa CDC staff and other high-level stakeholders/global health experts and will focus on harnessing political commitment and transformative leadership strategies to build an adaptive health system in Africa.

The forum will engage in thematic areas such as:

- Reimagining Primary Health Care in Africa with a focus on community-led systems
- Accelerating Universal Health Coverage in Africa through policy and strategy reforms
- Unlocking the power of cross-sectoral collaboration for emergency response in Africa
- Exploring the climate and health nexus through the emergency response lens

#### **Structure of High-level forum**

**Opening session - [09:00 – 10:00]:** High-level Breakfast with Heads of State and Government and Ministers of Health

**SPEAKERS:** H.E. Mohamed Ould Ghazouani; President, Islamic Republic of Mauritania & African Union Chairperson  
H.E. Taye Atske Selassie; President, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia  
H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa, President, Republic of South Africa  
H.E. Bola Ahmed Tinubu; President, Federal Republic of Nigeria  
H.E. Felix Tshisekedj; President, Democratic Republic of Congo  
H.E. Umaro Sissoco Embaló; President, Republic of Guinea-Bissau  
Dr Monique Nsanzabaganwa; Deputy Chairperson, AUC.

## **Session - 2 [10:15 – 17:00]:** Reimagining Primary Health Care in Africa

**SPEAKERS:** H.E. Prof. Muhammad Ali Pate; Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Nigeria  
H.E. Dr Mekdes Daba Feyssa; Minister of Health, Ethiopia.  
H.E. Dr Awa Marie Coll-Seck; Minister of State and former. Minister of Health, Senegal,  
Dr Landry Dongmo Tsague, Director, Centre for Primary Health Care, Africa CDC

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### **About Africa CDC**

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