



**Ministerial Meeting  
STC-HPC Working Group  
21 May 2016  
Geneva, Switzerland**

**Summary Report of the First Meeting of the Governing Board of the  
Africa CDC, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 09 – 11 May 2016**

1. Following the approval of the Statute of the Africa CDC by the AU Assembly in January 2016, the Commission, in line with Article 10 of the Statute, convened the first meeting of the Governing Board from **09 to 11 May 2016 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**. The 15-member Board comprises of ten (10) Ministers of Health, two (2) representatives of the Commission, two (2) nominees of the private sector and civil society and one (1) representative of Regional Health Organizations.

2. The first meeting of the Africa CDC Governing Board was attended by the following Board members: Democratic Republic of Congo (Central Africa), Ethiopia & Uganda (East Africa), Namibia & Zambia (Southern Africa), Egypt & Tunisia (North Africa) and Guinea & Nigeria (West Africa), Commissioner for Social Affairs, Commissioner for Political Affairs (both representing the AUC), and Africa Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET) representing the Civil Society.

Absent: Central Africa Republic and the Private Sector (AAEST), VASCERA, from North Africa was later confirmed as the representative of the Regional Health Organizations on rotational basis for a period of two years.

The main agenda the Board examined was the designation of the Regional collaborating Center, the appointment of the Director of the Africa CDC and the Yellow Fever outbreak that has spread to 4 countries. The Board reviewed the progress on the operationalization of the Africa CDC.

**Key decisions:**

The Board adopted the following key decisions:

- 1- Term of offices of the 10 Health Ministers of the Board: In line of the article 11(2) of the Statute, Ministers of health from Central Africa Republic, Uganda, Tunisia,

- Namibia and Guinea will spend 2 years and Ministers of health from DRC, Ethiopia, Egypt, Zambia and Nigeria will spend 3 years to ensure continuity;
- 2- The Minister of Ethiopia was elected as Chairperson and Minister of Nigeria the Vice-Chairperson of the Board;
  - 3- The Board decided to invite VASCERA (North Africa) to represent the Africa Regional Health Organization for 2 years;
  - 4- The Board designated 5 Regional Collaborating Centers ( Gabon, Kenya, Egypt, Zambia and Nigeria) and promised to examine more in the near future;
  - 5- The Board endorsed the nomination of Honorable **Dr Richard Nchabi Kamwi**, former Minister of Health of Namibia, as a Champion of the Africa CDC for a period of two (2) years;
  - 6- Called upon Member States to make sufficient financial contributions to support the Africa CDC in order to remain an African-owned institution;
  - 7- The Board conducted extensive interview for 5 candidates proposed by the Commission and nominated the best candidate. The Commission starts the process of making offer to the selected candidate;
  - 8- The Board took the following decisions on Yellow Fever:
    - a. Requested the Department of Social Affairs and the Africa CDC to provide assistance to the affected countries including the deployment of epidemiologists and assisting members states at risk to strengthen surveillance and preparedness;
    - b. The Commission issue a communiqué on behalf of the Board on the above.
  - 9- The Board decided to meet on 22 August 2016 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on the margins of the WHO AFRO Regional Committee Meeting.