

VIRTUAL DIALOGUE SERIES

AGENDA

Africa's Response to COVID-19 and Equitable Access to Vaccines & Vaccination

EVENT 1 - APRIL 19, 2021

4.30-6.30 PM EAT (ADDIS ABABA)

Building confidence in the African Response

Moderated by Dr Ahmed Ogwell Ouma, Deputy Director, Africa CDC

Day 1 will focus on 'Building confidence in the African response' to the COVID-19 pandemic. The dialogue will feature engagement between key stakeholders including faith and traditional leaders with Africa CDC experts and scientists. Session one will provide insight to the Africa CDC led response to the COVID-19 pandemic across the continent. Session two provide update on Africa's COVID-19 Vaccine Development and Access Strategy and its implementation and the COVAX facility led by the WHO and Gavi. This dialogue series aims to answer key questions on how to strengthen Africa's response to the pandemic while providing strong recommendations that will enable the African Union, through Africa CDC to facilitate equitable access to vaccines in Africa now and in the future.

4h30-4h55 OPENING SESSION

Introductions Mrs. Souad Aden-Osman, Executive Director, CoDA (3 mins)

Welcome Remarks Dr John Nkengasong, Director, Africa CDC (5 mins)

Statement H.E. Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa, Deputy Chairperson, AUC (5 mins)

Statement Prof. Benedict Oramah, President and Chairman, Board of Trustees, AFREXIMBANK & Chairman, Board of Trustees for the AU COVID-19 Response Fund (5 mins)

Opening Remarks H.E. Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, Former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria & Chair of the CoDA Board of Directors (7 min)

4h55-5h10 SESSION 1: Messages from Traditional and Faith Leaders

Message of Goodwill H.E. Chief Gabriel O. Igbiniedion, Esama of Benin Kingdom and Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Regents, Igbiniedion University, Nigeria (5 mins)

Brief Statement Bishop Georges Chihane, Maronite Catholic Eparchy of Cairo, Egypt (5 mins)

Brief Statement Sheik Abdullatif Abdulkarim, Jamia Mosque, Nairobi, Kenya (5 mins)

5h10-5h40 SESSION 2: Presentation of Africa's Overall Coordinated Response (Africa CDC) and Q&A

5h40-6h25 SESSION 3: Presentation of and updates on COVID-19 Vaccine Development and Access Strategy (Africa CDC, COVAX) and Q&A

6h25-6h30 CLOSING Mrs. Souad Aden-Osman, Executive Director, CoDA (5 mins)



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EVENT 2 - APRIL 20, 2021 4.30-6.30 PM EAT (ADDIS ABABA)

Vaccination and youth empowerment in a post - COVID Africa

Moderated by Dr Benjamin Djoudalbaye, Head, Division of Policy, Health Diplomacy and Communication, Africa CDC

Day 2 will focus on 'vaccination and youth empowerment in a post-COVID-19 Africa'. The session will seek to increase understanding of Africa's COVID-19 response and vaccine initiatives enabling the panelists, experts and representatives of the African youth to contribute ideas to the holistic and equitable delivery of vaccines across the continent. Discussions will highlight key concepts that will facilitate the development and empowerment of Africans and African youth in the post-COVID-19 era by proposing valid and actionable policies in this regard. In addition to other relevant stakeholders, it will involve the participation of selected youth leaders, youth development associations, and intergovernmental agencies in Africa.

4h30-4h40	Introductions and Recap	Mrs. Souad Aden-Osman, Executive Director, CoDA (10 mins)
4h40-4h45	Welcome Remarks	Dr Benjamin Djoudalbaye, Head, Division of Policy, Health Diplomacy and Communication, Africa CDC (5 mins)
4h45-5h00	Session 1:	Messages from Key Stakeholders
	Statement	Ms Prudence Nguenya, Head, Human Resources & Youth Development Division, African Union Commission (5 mins)
	Statement	ECOSOCC (5 mins)
5h00-5h30	SESSION 2:	Presentation of Africa's Overall Coordinated Response (Africa CDC) and Q&A
5h30-6h15	SESSION 3:	Discussions on the continental COVID-19 Vaccination and the post-pandemic era for African Youth (Africa CDC, African Medical Students' Associations) and Q&A
5h40-6h25	SESSION 3:	Presentation of and updates on COVID-19 Vaccine Development and Access Strategy (Africa CDC, COVAX) and Q&A
6h15-6h30	CLOSING	Final Remarks and Closing