



MEDIA ADVISORY

Work Visit of Africa CDC's Deputy Director, Dr Ahmed E. Ogwell Ouma, to Zambia

INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

WHAT: Africa CDC's Activities in the Southern Africa Region

WHEN: Wednesday, 9th December 2020

TIME: 8:30 - 9:30 am

WHERE: Africa CDC Southern RCC Boardroom; Suite 2, 13 Reedbuck Road, Kabulonga, Lusaka
Zoom Meeting ID: **563 545 4341** (<https://echo.zoom.us/j/5635454341>)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) Regional Collaborating Centres (RCC) were established to coordinate all regional public health initiatives in Member States, in consultation with Africa CDC headquarters. Specifically, to:

- a. Support Member States in implementing the strategic objectives of the five functional pillars of Africa CDC including cross cutting areas of workforce, partnerships, innovation, finances and leadership and management.
- b. Strengthen core capacities around surveillance, laboratory systems and networks, information systems, emergency preparedness and response, and public health research.
- c. Strengthen collaborations among Member States in emergencies, disease outbreaks, and in responding to epidemic and pandemic infectious diseases and non-communicable diseases.
- d. Train public health personnel in Member States to improve capacity to prepare for and respond to public health threats

The Deputy Director of Africa CDC, Dr. Ahmed E. Ogwell OUMA will be in Zambia on a 3-days work visit from the 7th to 9th of December 2020. During this visit, he will meet with the officials of the Government of the Republic of Zambia to express appreciation for hosting the Africa CDC Southern Africa Regional Collaborating Centre (SA-RCC). He will also meet with various stakeholders to provide updates on Africa CDC's strategic vision for the region as well as explore areas of strategic partnerships and discuss efforts being undertaken to support member states in preparing for the anticipated second wave of COVID-19 and Africa CDC's strategy to support the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Journalists are invited to attend and cover the media briefing the African CDC Boardroom at Suite 2, 13 Reedbuck Road, Kabulonga on Wednesday, 9th December 2020 at 10.00 a.m. Come wearing a face mask



About the Africa CDC

Africa CDC is a technical institution of the African Union established to strengthen the capacity, capability and partnerships of Africa's public health institutions to detect and respond quickly and effectively to disease threats based on science, policy and data-driven interventions and programmes.

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