

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMME



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Theme: Africa's Health Security in the Second Decade of Acceleration for Agenda 2063 Call for Scaled-Up and Sustainable Investment in Healthcare

The African Health ExCon 2025 takes place at a pivotal moment in Africa's public health journey. Africa is undergoing many transformative changes and needed changes and inspiring innovations to catalyze progress towards Agenda 2063 commitments and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As the continent enters the second decade of Agenda 2063, reflections on achievements to date and persistent challenges underscore the urgent need to prioritize investments in transformative, self-reliant, and sustainable health systems. Lessons from the first decade of Agenda 2063 include the need to boost domestic health financing; improve community health systems and disease surveillance; and foster Africa-led innovative solutions to drive long-term resilience and sovereignty.

Despite commendable strides, Africa continues to grapple with major health challenges, exacerbated by geopolitical tensions, climate change, demographic shifts, economic and social constraints, and escalating conflict. Recent outbreaks of Mpox, cholera, and Marburg (among others) alongside the lingering effects of COVID-19, have underscored the persistent gaps in pandemic prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery (PPPR). Additionally, the increasing burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), geriatric health needs, mental health, a youth population ready to lead, an increasing population groups of older adults requiring various forms of aged-related support, and significant disruptions in health financing systems, call for bold policy reforms and investments in health systems. These reforms should target primary health care, regional manufacturing of medical products, digital transformation, and workforce development, all supported by evidence, and collective commitment to move forward.

The global health-financing crisis has highlighted vulnerabilities in many African nations. Yet, it also offers a chance to redefine its economic future and seek greater autonomy. By strengthening cooperation, Africa can work toward self-sufficiency in health financing. Articles and op-eds often point to the emerging power of the continent's economic blocs as platforms for solidarity and self-reliance.

Under the auspices of H.E. President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, endorsed by the Egyptian Authority for Unified Procurement (UPA) and cohosted by Africa CDC, under the scientific guidance of the Egyptian Medical Association Society, the 2025 Public Health Programme at the African Health ExCon, in its 4th chapter, will serve as a high-level platform to discuss the current African public health situation and mobilize catalytic evidence based policy recommendations and collective action, aligning regional and global health agendas. The forum will bring together African Union (AU) member states' leadership, policymakers and public health leaders, industry experts, and civil society to chart together a strategic path towards stronger and more resilient African health systems.

The Africa Health ExCon Public Health Programme, co-hosted by Africa CDC and supported by the African Union PPPR Commission and by PATH, has been a standing feature of the Africa Health ExCon. For the 2025 installation, the Programme will feature high-level continental strategy sessions. The Programme aims to culminate in a bold call to action: a) To mobilize domestic resources aligned to the Abuja declarations target of 15% of domestic budget; b) for innovative financing mechanisms to close health financing gaps, and c) to invest in African-driven solutions that secure health sovereignty, pandemic resilience, and equity, supported by with evidence, momentum, and a collective resolve. The programme will address key public health priorities including: pandemic prevention, preparedness and response; improving health care towards universal health coverage; digital health transformation; AI-driven healthcare, geriatric health, climate change adaptation, and equitable health financing. The sessions will showcase successful country experiences, explore opportunities to strengthen institutional frameworks, advance policy reforms, and accelerate investments in innovative health solutions.











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Over the three-day Public Health Programme, stakeholders from Across Africa: ministers, scientists, policymakers, youth leaders, civil society, and the private sector will align around one shared goal: to define the roadmap to a healthier, self-reliant, and future-ready Africa.

Discussions will go beyond diagnosing issues and dive into actions for sustained delivery:

- How do we scale up local manufacturing of health products to meet Africa's needs?
- What are catalytic pathways to strengthen primary health care to achieve universal health coverage and respond to continuing challenges including outbreaks?
- How do we finance our own future sustainable and equitable health delivery at scale?
- And what will it take to build a relevant workforce for 2063, starting now?















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Public Health Programme, reflecting key priorities for Africa's health transformation:

| Session | Торіс | Session Objectives | Speakers |
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| Day one - June | 25 | | |
| Opening 10:00-10:15 | Inaugural lecture | Shaping the future of health care in Africa: from insight to impact | H.E. Prof. Dr. Adel Adawy; President of the scientific committee of Africa Health ExCon; President of the Egyptian Medical Association; Former Minister of Health and Population, Egypt |
| Session 1 10:15-12:00 | High-Level Endorsement Moderator Prof. Dr. Maha El Rabbat Public Health Professor; Former Minister of Health and Population | Welcome remarks from senior officials representing the Egyptian Ministry of Health, UPA, EDA, South Africa G20 Presidency, Africa CDC, WHO, and the African Union. Reaffirm commitment to building a financing resilient, equitable, and sustainable health systems and primary health care in Africa. Set the tone for regional collaboration, investment in health sovereignty, and policy acceleration. | Prime Minister for Human Development and Minister of Health & Population, Egypt H.E. Dr. Esperance Luvindao; Minister of Health of Namibia H.E. Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi; Minister of Health, |















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| 02:15-03:45 a Changing World Moderator Prof Dr. Richard Chivaka Associate Professor of Business Strategy & amp; Supply Chain Management, UCT, GSB Business Strategy/Founder and Chief Executive Officer – Spark Health Africa | health future depends on what we build next. This session will challenge policymakers, economists, and global health leaders to rethink the architecture of health financing across the continent. With shrinking external aid and growing health demands, the conversation must pivot from temporary fixes to transformative, African-led financing ecosystems. This session aims to ignite a bold dialogue around how African countries can mobilize, optimize, and innovate financing for resilient health systems that serve all. Key Objectives: Own the Shift: Confront the decline in donor funding and explore pathways toward sustainable, African-driven financing models. Reimagine Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM): Navigate fiscal constraints while aligning with WHO's global push for DRM as a cornerstone of resilient systems Innovate with Purpose: Explore tools like health bonds, blended finance, and social impact investment—not as fads, but as fuel for health system transformation. Unlock Public—Private Synergies: Spotlight case studies where PPPs have moved the needle in healthcare infrastructure, service delivery, and innovation. Operationalize the Lusaka Agenda: Break down how countries can implement this landmark framework to drive efficiency, equity, and impact. Bridge the Global—Local Gap: Translate lessons from the G20 Joint Finance & Health Task Force (JFHTF) and other global financing initiatives into actionable strategies for Africa. | and Foreign Cooperation, Egypt Panelists H.E. Pr. Abdellahi Wedih; Minister of Health of Mauritania Dr. Ihab Abou Aish; Acting Head of Universal Health Insurance Authority, Egypt Mrs. Serina Ag; Head of Secretariat of the G20 JFHTF Dr. Mohamed Teriaki; Lead Partnership and Strategic Engagement Africa CDC-MENA Region Dr. Dalia Samhouri; Lead Health Specialist Pandemic Fund Dr. Ahmed Khalifa; Health Economics Specialist, WHO/CO Dr. Ahmed EzzelDin; CEO Cleopatra Hospitals Group Closing reflections |
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| 03:45-05:15 Coverage through Strengthened Primary Healthcare Moderator Dr. Gasser Gad El Karim Health Systems Coordinator, WHO CO Moderator Dr. Gasser Gad El Karim Health Systems Coordinator, WHO CO Strengthened Primary Healthcare (PHC). In Africa, where communities face compounding health burdens and systemic inequities, PHC must evolve from a policy ambition into a practical, community-anchored, digitally enabled reality with strong monitoring systems. This session will explore what it takes to make UHC a lived experience for all Africans—not just a commitment in declarations. Leaders will examine how PHC can be scaled, financed, and reimagined to serve as the foundation of equitable, accessible, and sustainable health systems across the continent. Key Objectives: Rebuild from the Frontlines: Explore strategies to strengthen PHC infrastructure and service delivery in rural, peri-urban, and underserved communities. Digital by Design: Examine how digital health, telemedicine, and mobile-based platforms can bridge the last mile in care delivery. Community-Driven Models: Highlight the role of community health workers, local clinics, and culturally contextual care |
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| as core to PHC delivery. Major General Tarek El Nagdy; President of |
| Finance What Matters: Showcase sustainable PHC financing Military Medical Academy |
| models that prioritize public investment, efficiency, and • Prof. Salman Rawaf; Chair of Public Health, |
| long-term returns. Director of WHO Collaborating Centre and |
| Empower the PHC Workforce: Identify scalable strategies Director of Centre for Health System |
| for training, deploying, and retaining frontline health Development, School of Public Health Imperior |
| workers, including nurses, midwives, and CHWs. College |
| From Commitment to Coverage: Highlight national and Closing reflections by H.E. Mohamed Ali |
| regional pathways that are actively translating PHC Mukhtar; Minister of Health of Libya |
| frameworks into UHC outcomes. |

















| Session 5 Strengthening Public-Private | Key Objectives: | KN: Prof. Mimmie Watts; Institute of Health and |
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| Day 2 - June 26 Session 5 09:30-11:15 Strengthening Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) for Effective Primary Healthcare: Eco-systems challenges and enablers Moderator Dr. Maimouna Diop Public Health Specialist | Key Objectives: Assess the role of PPPs in expanding access to quality PHC, particularly in underserved areas. Highlight successful case studies where the private sector has contributed to health infrastructure, supply chain, and service delivery. Explore financing mechanisms to enhance sustainability and accountability in PHC-focused PPPs. Elaborate on quality aspects guiding partnerships. | KN: Prof. Mimmie Watts; Institute of Health and Wellbeing Federation University Australia; Chair Australian Chapter, African Science Research and Innovation Council, African Union Commission Dr. Awad Mataria; Director of Universal Healt Coverage/Health Systems, WHO/EMRO Panelists H.E. Hon Dr. Stephen Modise; Minister of Healt of Botswana H.E. Prof. Agnes Binagwaho; Former Minister of Health; Former vice Chancellor University of Global Health Equity Dr. Raji Tajudeen; Acting Deputy Director General, Africa CDC Prof. Dr. Ahmed Taha; Chairman of General Authority for Healthcare Accreditation and Regulation Dr. Judson Addy; African Diaspora Ambassador Dr. Imane Kendili; President Africa Global Healtl Dr. Ahmed Khalifa; Health Economics Specialist, WHO, CO Prof. Dr. Manal Hamdy El Sayed; Prof. Ain Sham University; SOLDA President; Member of Hepatitis National Higher Committee of Viral Hepatitis |



































| Session 7 Human Developme | Advancing human capital developme | ent is essential for Africa's KN: H.E. Dr. Hala El Saeed ; Former Minister of |
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| 01:15-03:15 Accelerator | o , , , | |
| 01:15-03:15 Accelerator Moderators Prof. Dr. Lamia Mol Dean New Giza Univ Dr. Susan Lin Regional Policy L | hsen long-term health and economic grow be placed on youth-led health innova and workforce training to equip Africa the skills required to transform the health | A strong emphasis will ation, education reforms, ca's next generation with health sector. Panelists: H. E. Dr. Ashraf Al Araby; Chairperson Institute of National Planning; Former Minister of Planning, Egypt Dr. Abla El Alfi; Deputy Minister of Health of Egypt Dr. Sindiswa Mzamo; Ambassador of Businesswomen, President Africa Investment Summit |
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| Day 3 – 27 June | | | |
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| Session 9 09:30-11:00 Climate Change and Strengthening Africa Capacity Moderator Prof. Nicaise Ndemb International Vaccir Africa Office | a's Adaptive security. Stren health risks, in malnutrition, a The One Healt diseases and n Investing in cli integrating clir will be crucial Key Objectives • Examine he risks, inclu and the im • Discuss clir policies, ar • Highlight t | e is an emerging threat to Africa's public health gthening Africa's resilience to climate-induced cluding infectious disease outbreaks, and water scarcity, requires urgent policy actio h approach will be central to addressing zoond ninimizing environmental health hazards. mate-resilient health infrastructure and nate adaptation strategies into health planning for safeguarding Africa's future. 5: ow climate change is exacerbating public healt ding vector-borne diseases and food insecurity pact of heat. mate-resilient health infrastructure, adaptation and early warning systems. he One Health approach in tackling zoonotic ks and environmental hazards. | Environment, Egypt Dr. Tamer Rabei; Global program Lead for Climate and Health, WB (virtual) Panelists Dr. Raji Tajudeen; Ag. DDG Africa CDC, Africa CDC Dr. J. Wendell Addy, Founder, Chair Emeritus - Member Advisory Board, Diaspora Ambassador Prof. Dr. Wagida Anwar; Prof of Environmental Health; Ain Shams University Dr. Hanem Ahmed; DG of Environmental Health |



















| Session 10 Building a Research and Development (R&D) Strategy in Africa Highlight the need for regionally driven health innovation and scalable research solutions. Highlight the need for regionally driven health innovation and scalable research solutions. Discuss strategies to leverage Africa's scientific talent, enhance research funding, and foster international partnerships. Explore how investment in R&D can drive pharmaceutical innovation and diagnostic development. Wr. Dr. Raj Tajudeen; Ag. DDG Africa CDC Panelists Prof. Francine Ntoumi; Executive Director, Congolese Foundation for Medical Research explore how investment in R&D can drive pharmaceutical innovation and diagnostic development. Prof. Dr. Abd El Majid Kassem; Vice Dean for Medicine, Cairo University Prof. Dr. Abd El Majid Kassem; Vice Dean of City University of New York Graduate School of P Health and Health Policy Prof. Dr. Sherif Wadie; Chairperson of Highe Council for Clinical Research Ethics Dr. Nathalie Straub; PANTHER Dr. Thomas Nyirenda; EDCTP (Virtual) Closing reflections by H.E. Mohamed Ali Mukhtar; Minister of Health of Libya |
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| Sessio | on 11Silent, Neglected and Pandemic-02:30Diseases: Strengthening Africa'sDisease Response | Key Objectives: Address gaps in disease surveillance, diagnostics, and access to treatment for NCDs neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). | KN: Dr. Solomon Zewdu; CEO -End Fund Prof. Francisca Mutapi; Deputy Director, Tackling |
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| | Moderator Dr. Sherif Moussa Assistant Prof. Tropical Disease, | Discuss strategies for local R&D investments and community-driven disease interventions. Explore cross-border collaboration and regional | Infections to Benefit Africa (TIBA) Partnership, University of Edinburgh and Vice Board Chair, Uniting to Combat (virtual) |
| | Assistant Prof. Tropical Disease, Cairo university | coordination mechanisms. | Panelists Dr. Amro Kandil; Deputy Minister of Health, Egypt Dr. Mohamed Moussif; Member of IHR Review Committees; National Coordinator of the points of Entry Morocco Dr. Naema Al Gaseer; Public Health Consultant Dr. Susan Lin; Regional Policy Lead: Health Research and Development, PATH Dr. Landry Tsague; Director Center for PHC, Africa CDC Closing reflections |
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| Session 12 | Geriatric Health: Aging with | Key Objectives: | KN: Dr. Samar El Feky; Regional Advisor for Health |
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| 02:30-04:00 | Genatric Realth: Aging with Dignity and Care Moderators Prof. Nnamdi Nwaodu President Society of Global Health and DG of CAARS Prof. Mohamed Hamzawy Dean Faculty of Pharmacy, Fayoum University | Address the rising demand for geriatric care services in Africa. Discuss strategies for frailty prevention, long-term care financing, and digital health solutions. (Rand D) Examine policies supporting aging populations, community-based elderly care, and social protection systems. | Promotion and Social Determinants of Health Promotion and Social Determinants of Health Panelists Dr. Ahmed El Sobki; Chairperson of Egypt Healthcare Authority Dr. Ghada Labib; Deputy Minister of Communication, Egypt Dr. Lwazi Manzi; Technical Lead of the South African Presidential Health Compact Dr. Mohannad El Nasour; CEO EMPHNET Dr. Padma Kamath; Director of Regulatory and Scientific Affairs- Global Self Care Federation Dr. Rachel Githinji; International Alliance of Patients' Organizations Dr. Amany Ali; Geriatric Care Consultant H.E. Prof. Dr. Maha El Rabbat; Prof. Public Health, Cairo University; Former Minister of Health and Population Closing reflections by Dr. Raji Tajudeen; Ag. DDG Africa CDC |
| Closing Session | Key Outcomes and Call to Action Dr. Hesham Steit - Prof. Dr. Adel Adawy - Africa CDC | Key Objectives: Summarize key insights, commitments, and the next steps from the three-day programme. Issue a collective call to action for policymakers, private sector leaders, and multilateral organizations. Outline implementation pathways for sustained policy impact and investment in Africa's health sector. | |





