

U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION AND AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN CENTRES FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

OVERVIEW

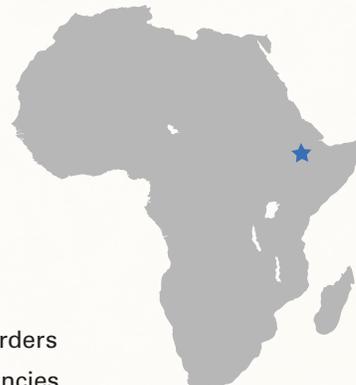
Health is vital to the development, growth and prosperity of African nations. Our increasingly mobile world has led to more risks to global health security and the 2014 Ebola epidemic in West Africa reaffirmed this.

Recognizing the strategic value of a trans-national entity which is able to detect, prevent and respond to public health threats affecting African nations, the United States and the African Union have agreed to work together to improve global public health security with a memorandum for cooperation to develop the African Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (African CDC).



AREAS OF COOPERATION

- ▶ Establish an African CDC Surveillance and Response Unit (ASRU) that conducts event-based surveillance
 - Develop emergency preparedness and response capacity to crises such as natural disasters or disease outbreaks
- ▶ Assess nation- and region-specific public health hazards that could threaten health and stability
 - Support member states to comply with International Health Regulations
 - Support health information systems to manage and analyze data for public health actions
 - Strengthen public health human resources vital to the operations of the African CDC



BENEFITS

- ▶ Strengthens existing relationships between United States and African Union
- ▶ Provides a platform for member states to share knowledge and tools across borders
- ▶ Helps build capacity for African nations to respond effectively to health emergencies
- ▶ Promotes health security across borders
- ▶ Improves global access to medical and non-medical countermeasures during health emergencies

ABOUT THE AFRICAN UNION

The African Union spearheads Africa's development and integration in close collaboration with African Union Member States, the Regional Economic Communities and African citizens. AU's vision is to accelerate progress towards an integrated, prosperous and inclusive Africa, at peace with itself, playing a dynamic role in the continental and global arena, effectively driven by an accountable, efficient and responsive Commission.

Learn more about the African Union at: <http://www.au.int/en/>

ABOUT THE CDC

CDC works 24/7 saving lives and protecting people from health threats to have a more secure nation. Whether these threats are chronic or acute, manmade or natural, human error or deliberate attack, global or domestic, CDC is the U.S. health protection agency. [For more information about the agency's global health security work, visit CDC's website.](#)

