

**DECISION ON THE INTERIM REPORT ON THE OPERATIONALIZATION OF
AFRICA CDC**

The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report on the second phase operationalisation of the Africa CDC, particularly the full functionality of its governing structure, including the Committee of Heads of State and Government, to provide oversight of the institution.
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the pivotal role played by Africa CDC in safeguarding Africa's public health by providing strategic direction, building the capacity and capabilities of public health institutions, supporting Member States with training, and deploying healthcare workers in preparedness and response to disease threats and health outbreaks.
3. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.835(XXXV) on the operationalization of the Africa Epidemics Fund (AfEF) considering that Africa's effective emergency preparedness and response to future Epidemics requires an innovative and robust funding mechanisms that ensures timely outreach at regional and national level through appropriate technical and financial resources.
4. **CONGRATULATES** Africa CDC for continuous efforts to mobilize funds from various partners to support Member States to respond to different outbreaks.
5. **TAKES NOTE** of the increased number of new outbreaks like cholera in Southern Africa and Dengue in Western Africa that can lead for African-made pandemics if not appropriately managed due to lack of sufficient human and financial resources.
6. **REQUESTS** Africa CDC supported by the Commission to fast-track the recruitment of outstanding positions in line with AU Rules and Regulations.
7. **ALSO REQUESTS** Africa CDC and the Commission to work with relevant Subcommittees to fast track the operationalisation of the Africa Epidemics Fund (AfEF).
8. **FURTHER REQUESTS** Africa CDC and the Commission to prepare and submit the Framework of governance and management of the AfEF to the Executive Council in July 2024.
9. **DECIDES** to remain seized of the matter.