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## Participation of the WAHO in the launch of the cross-border awareness campaign on HIV/STI/TB/Hepatitis - Sèmè-Kraké, November 26 to December 3, 2024



The Abidjan-Lagos Corridor Organization (OCAL) is launching a major cross-border health campaign, aimed at raising awareness and providing prevention services against HIV/AIDS, STIs, tuberculosis and hepatitis to key and vulnerable populations along the Abidjan-Lagos corridor. Officially launched in Sèmè-Kraké, with the support of WAHO, this campaign targets 23,000 people ...

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## 5th Congress of the Mukwege International Chair on “Violence against women and girls in conflicts” - Montreal, December 3-9, 2024



WAHO, represented by its Director General Dr. AÏSSI, participated in the 5th Congress of the Mukwege International Chair in Montreal from December 3 to 6, 2024, where it presented its three main regional projects (SWEDD, DEMSAN, and Reproductive Health) aimed at combating gender-based violence and promoting reproductive health in West Africa ...

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## 3eme edition Dakar Epidemics Forum: Un rendez-vous continental clpour lantsante publique en Afrique - Dakar, from December 9 to 13, 2024



WAHO, represented by Prof. Issiaka SOMBIE and Dr. Virgil LOKOSSOU, participated in the 3rd edition of the Dakar Epidemics Forum, a major event coinciding with the centenary of the Pasteur Institute of Dakar. This forum, which brought together high-level figures from the public health sector, aimed to strengthen collaboration between African countries in the fight against epidemics ...

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## Webinar “New Frontiers of Knowledge for Lassa Fever Preparedness and Response in West Africa: Evidence from the Field”, with WAHO and the support of CEPI - December 10, 2024

**ECOWAS Research and Development Lassa Fever Series**

### NEW KNOWLEDGE FRONTIERS FOR LASSA FEVER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE IN WEST AFRICA: EVIDENCE FROM THE FIELD

**SPEAKERS**

OPENING REMARKS	INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION	CLOSING REMARKS
 <b>Dr. Melchior Athanase Joël C. AISSI</b> Director General, West African Health Organization (WAHO)	 <b>Prof William Ampofo</b> Chief Executive Officer, National Vaccine Institute, Ghana.	 <b>Vivianne Ihekweazu</b> Managing Director, Nigeria Health Watch

**PANELISTS**

 <b>Dr. Kamji Jan</b> Country Project Manager, CEPI Enable Project, Nigeria	 <b>Prof Alhaji N'Jai</b> Researcher at University of Sierra Leone	 <b>Dr Minnie Sankawulo-Ricks</b> Medical Director/CEO, Phebe Hospital & School of Nursing, Republic of Liberia	 <b>Dr Kemisola Agbaoye</b> Director of Programmes, Nigeria Health Watch
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**MODERATOR**

**DATE**  
Tuesday, 10th December 2024

**TIME**  
9:00 GMT / 10:00 WAT

**REGISTER HERE**  
<https://nhwat.ch/waholassaseries1>

With Support from CEPI

WAHO hosted a webinar on Lassa Fever bringing together over 100 experts from the ECOWAS region to share advances in vaccine research, diagnostic innovations and community-based interventions. The event, which launched a new WAHO initiative on Lassa Fever vaccine preparation and development, ...

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## Technical Workshop for Assessing the Risk of Transmission of Pathogens with Epidemic and Pandemic Potential in the African Region - Dakar, December 10-11, 2024



WAHO and WHO organized a technical workshop in Dakar on 10-11 December 2024 aimed at assessing the risks of zoonotic transmission and defining regional priorities for the surveillance of emerging diseases, leading to the development of a strategic roadmap and the strengthening of the One Health approach in the region...

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## Regional Launch of the Sub-Saharan Africa Women's Empowerment and Dividend Plus (SWEDD+) Project - Abuja, 16-18 December 2024



Official launch of the SWEDD+ project in Abuja on December 16, 2024, a new phase that aims to extend the impact of the initial project that has already transformed the lives of more than two million girls in sub-Saharan Africa. In his speech, the Director General of WAHO, Dr. AÏSSI, stressed that this new phase, which will extend until 2028 in five countries (Burkina Faso, Chad, Gambia, Senegal ...

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## First General Assembly of the West African Regional Laboratory Initiative to implement the External Quality Assessment of Laboratories on Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance (WARIL-EEQ-RAM) - Dakar, December 16-17, 2024



On December 16, 2024, WAHO and the Pasteur Institute of Dakar launched the first general assembly of the West African Regional Laboratory Initiative (WARIL-EEQ-RAM), aimed at strengthening laboratory systems in 16 West African countries to combat antimicrobial resistance. The main objectives of this event are to validate the project with the laboratories ...

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## Technical Retreat of Financial Managers for Regularization and Balance of Advances to the Steering Committee - Abuja, 16 to 20 December 2024



WAHO organized a Technical Retreat of Financial Managers in Abuja aimed at strengthening transparency and harmonization of financial management practices in the region. This meeting, which provides an opportunity to examine national financial reports, including the case of Senegal which received more than one billion FCFA in support in 2024, will result in the validation of a final report ...

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## Meeting between the Director General of WAHO and the Ambassador of Cuba to Nigeria - Abuja, December 17, 2024



High-level meeting between the Director General of the West African Health Organization (WAHO) and the Cuban Ambassador to Nigeria. This important dialogue underscores the commitment of both parties to strengthen health diplomacy and foster strategic partnerships in critical areas, including human resources development, health programs ...

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## West African Health Organization's Holiday Wishes Campaign for the 2024 Holiday Season - December 2024



During this holiday season, the West African Health Organization (WAHO) extends its best wishes for health, peace and prosperity to all the populations of the ECOWAS region. May the coming year 2025 be a year of continued progress in our shared commitment to a healthier and more resilient West Africa. Happy holidays to all!



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## West African Health Organization's New Year's Greetings Campaign for the Beginning of 2025 - December 2024



The West African Health Organization (WAHO) wishes you a happy new year 2025. May this new year bring health, progress and hope to our communities, as we continue together our mission for a healthier West Africa.



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