

Biography of His Excellency Dr. Jean Kaseya,
Director General of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC)

Dr. Jean Kaseya was appointed Director-General of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa-CDC) in February 2023 during the African Union Summit. A Congolese medical doctor with over 25 years of experience in public health, Dr. Kaseya has worked both nationally and internationally, holding key positions in organizations such as UNICEF, Gavi, CHAI, and the WHO.

As Director-General, his primary focus is on strengthening health security across Africa through his "New Deal" for Africa CDC. This includes building sustainable financing, improving governance, and enhancing health systems to ensure a more agile response to health crises. Under his leadership, Africa-CDC took proactive steps during the mpox outbreak, declaring it a Public Health Emergency of Continental Concern and facilitating vaccine development and donations.

Dr. Kaseya's work has been central to mobilizing resources for pandemic preparedness and building resilient health systems in low-resource settings. His leadership focuses on fostering collaboration, enhancing regional health security, and ensuring sustainable investment in healthcare infrastructure.