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EASTERN AFRICA REGIONAL GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY SUMMIT 2026

**Catalyzing Collaboration &
Local Manufacturing of Health Commodities
for Africa's Sovereign Health Security.**

27TH – 29TH JAN. 2026

SAFARI PARK HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTRE,
NAIROBI, KENYA.

CONCEPT BRIEF

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PROSPECTUS





1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2nd Eastern Africa Regional Global Health Security Summit (EARGHSS) 2026 is to be held in Nairobi, Kenya, on January 27th – 29th, 2026. EARGHSS 2026 is curated to advance the success of the inaugural EARGHSS 2025 held on January 28th–30th, 2025, in Mombasa, Kenya and its resolution ('communiqué') to hold a successive summit in 2026 and establish EARGHSS as an annual Eastern Africa Regional summit.

Structured around the theme "**Catalyzing Collaboration & Local Manufacturing of Health Commodities for Africa's Sovereign Health Security**", the 2nd annual summit will bring together 1000 – 1500 delegates of world leaders, health experts, policymakers, and industry stakeholders to address pressing challenges and collaborative opportunities in global health security for the Eastern Africa region. The 2026 convening will focus on facilitative discussions on Africa's Health Security priorities through keynotes, panels, workshop breakouts, exhibitions and plenaries across the three-day sub-themes: (1) Day-1 Catalyzing Collaboration, (2) Day-2 Enabling Local Manufacturing and (3) Day-3: Sustainable Financing.

The EARGHSS 2026 is a collaborative action of the EARGHSS 2025 emergent institutional formation of the Africa Centre for Global Health Security (ACGHS) partnership network: Kenya Vision 2030, Africa CDC's Eastern Africa Regional Coordination Centre (EA-RCC), Ministry of Health, Kenya, Kenya Biovax Institute, Amref International University, University of Nebraska Medical Centre – Global Centre for Health Security (UNMC-GCHS), Kenya Defence University, University of New Mexico – Project ECHO, Amref Health Africa and Dalberg.

The 2026 summit builds on the EARGHSS 2025 program execution. With three thematic areas, each engagement will seek to advance **Africa CDC's New Public Health Order for Africa** with commitments on collaborative actions.

The key expected outcomes of EARGHSS 2026 include: (i) Eastern Africa Regional report on implementation progress of the 2025 commitments; (ii) knowledge sharing and networking among Africa Global Health Security partners; (iii) launch of the Africa Center for Global Health Security as a collaborative catalyst; (iv) amplification of regional local manufacturing champions; and (v) collaborative actions and strategic partnerships among governments, academia, and industry, with binding commitments documented in the 2nd EARGHSS 2026 Communiqué.





2.0 BACKGROUND: BUILDING ON EARGHSS 2025 SUCCESS

The 2025 Eastern Africa Regional Global Health Security Summit (EARGHSS 2025), held in Mombasa from January 28–30, 2025, brought together key stakeholders from government, academia, healthcare, industry, and international organizations to tackle critical health security challenges in the region. The summit resulted in nine binding commitments from member states and established a firm foundation for an annual regional platform.

The 2026 edition advances this institutional progress by expanding partnerships, refining strategies, and deepening engagement across the triple helix of governments, academia, and industry. By translating dialogue into measurable progress, the 2026 summit seeks to drive sustainable solutions for local manufacturing, health system resilience, and the realization of Africa's New Public Health Order.

East Africa continues to face significant health security threats. In 2023 alone, Marburg virus outbreaks in Tanzania and Equatorial Guinea, Ebola flare-ups in Uganda, and recurrent cholera outbreaks underscored the fragility of existing systems. Kenya's arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs), which are home to nearly 30% of the population, are experiencing prolonged droughts that disrupt routine immunization and heighten risks of zoonotic diseases. South Sudan's flooding emergencies continue to displace populations, hinder vaccination, and strain fragile surveillance networks.

Globally, the post-COVID context has seen a sharp decline in international health financing, with donor priorities shifting. At the same time, climate-related health threats have seen a rise from vector-borne diseases as a result of extreme weather impacts on health infrastructure. Without urgent collective action, these overlapping challenges could reverse progress toward Universal Health Coverage and derail preparedness for future pandemics.

It is with this commitment to regional health security coordination that the Africa CDC, in collaboration with the Government of Kenya and the Eastern Africa Regional Coordination Centre (EA-RCC), through the generous support from development partners, will host the 2nd EARGHSS in Nairobi, Kenya, in January 2026.



3.0 SUMMIT OBJECTIVES

The 2nd EARGHSS 2026 is anchored on five strategic objectives that drive accountability and deliver on the commitments set during EARGHSS 2025, while catalyzing collaboration across the triple helix model. These objectives directly align with the Africa CDC's New Public Health Order, the Lusaka Agenda, the Abuja Declaration, and the WHO Pandemic Accord, positioning East Africa as a coordinated regional actor in global health security.

01. OBJECTIVE 1: ACCOUNTABILITY & PROGRESS ON EARGHSS 2025 COMMITMENTS

Present a comprehensive Eastern Africa Regional Report demonstrating progress on the nine binding commitments from EARGHSS 2025, and establish a standardized monitoring framework for tracking Member State implementation through 2026–2027

02. OBJECTIVE 2: CATALYZE GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE & STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION

Foster global knowledge exchange and networking across the triple helix through facilitated discussions, sectoral partnerships, innovation showcases, and South–South collaboration, and formalize these engagements through documented partnerships and collaboration agreements with binding follow-up mechanisms.

03. OBJECTIVE 3: LAUNCH ACGHS AS A PERMANENT TRIPLE HELIX COLLABORATIVE PLATFORM

Officially launch the Africa Centre for Global Health Security (ACGHS) as a permanent institutional platform uniting government, academia, and industry and establish the ACGHS Secretariat co-located with Africa CDC EA-RCC in Nairobi and activate all four strategic pillars: Exchange Summits, Academy, Policy/Research Hub, and GHS Fund.

04. OBJECTIVE 4: ADVANCE AFRICA'S LOCAL MANUFACTURING AGENDA THROUGH THE AMPLIFICATION OF AFRICA'S CHAMPIONS FOR LOCAL MANUFACTURING AND SELF-RELIANCE

To strengthen regional manufacturing and health-commodity self-reliance through the amplification of Africa's local manufacturing champions. This objective seeks to position East Africa's leadership in advancing coordinated manufacturing partnerships, establish a regional manufacturing roadmap, and mobilize member states to commit to scaled manufacturing and joint investment by 2030.

05. OBJECTIVE 5: ESTABLISH COLLABORATIVE ACTIONS & BINDING COMMITMENTS

Formalize collaborative actions and strategic partnerships across government, academia, and industry through the EARGHSS 2026 Communiqué. Document binding commitments with specific accountability mechanisms and establish an implementation roadmap (90-day and 2026 – 2030), and create follow-up structures through the ACGHS Secretariat.



4.0 THEMATIC FOCUS AREAS

CATALYZING COLLABORATION

This theme operationalizes regional collaboration by convening all 14 East African member states to review implementation progress on the 2025 Mombasa commitments, harmonize national health security policies, introduce critical workforce development initiatives, and showcase youth-led innovation. It establishes collaborative governance structures that enable the 14 member states to function as a coordinated system aligned with Africa CDC's New Public Health Order.

The Africa GHS Academy—with bootcamps, fellowships, and executive masterclasses at AMREF International University and partners with global centers of excellence—institutionalizes workforce development as permanent regional functions. This directly advances Africa CDC's New Public Health Order Pillars #1 (Strengthened African Public Health Institutions) and #2 (Strengthened African Public Health Workforce), ensuring that regional coordination is supported by resilient institutions and skilled health workers capable of sustaining Africa's health sovereignty. The theme also advances Pillar #5 (Respectful and Action-oriented Partnerships) through formalized multi-stakeholder engagement across governments, research institutions, industry, and civil society, demonstrating how collaborative approaches to policy harmonization, research, innovation, and youth engagement create the foundation for Africa-led health security solutions.

ENABLING LOCAL MANUFACTURING

This theme addresses the pathway to regional health commodity self-sufficiency through the Kenya Biovax Institute and the WHO Maturity Level 3 framework. It discusses the Kenya Biovax model, regulatory harmonization, and collaborative research on priority diseases, including antimicrobial resistance and neglected tropical diseases.

It examines enabling policies, triple-helix collaborations, digital health systems, and coordinated procurement that leverages regional buying power to create viable manufacturing ecosystems that individual countries cannot sustain alone. This directly advances Africa CDC's New Public Health Order Pillar #3 (Expanded Local Manufacturing of Vaccines, Diagnostics and Therapeutics) and operationalizes commitments from the Lusaka Agenda and Kenya Vision 2030.





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FINANCING AFRICA'S HEALTH SOVEREIGNTY

This theme features keynotes on transitioning from external dependency to domestic ownership, mobilizing sustainable financing architecture through innovative mechanisms, PPPs, and the Africa GHS Fund (USD 50M+ target). It convenes governments, development partners, and private sector actors to review progress on the Abuja Declaration and Lusaka Agenda implementation and explore financing mechanisms that connect health security to national security priorities. The day establishes mechanisms for the region to negotiate stronger positions with global health initiatives, creating enduring funding streams independent of external aid cycles.

Through structured engagement on blended financing models, the convening demonstrates how coordinated regional investment strengthens the institutional and manufacturing foundations established on Days 1 and 2. This directly advances Africa CDC's New Public Health Order Pillar #4 (Increased Domestic Investment in Health) and operationalizes the WHO Pandemic Accord financing provisions and the Abuja Declaration framework. The summit concludes with the launch of the Africa Centre for Global Health Security as a permanent triple-helix platform. It establishes binding commitments documented in the EARGHSS 2026 Communiqué, anchoring the 14 East African member states in a coordinated regional response mechanism capable of sustaining Africa's health sovereignty.



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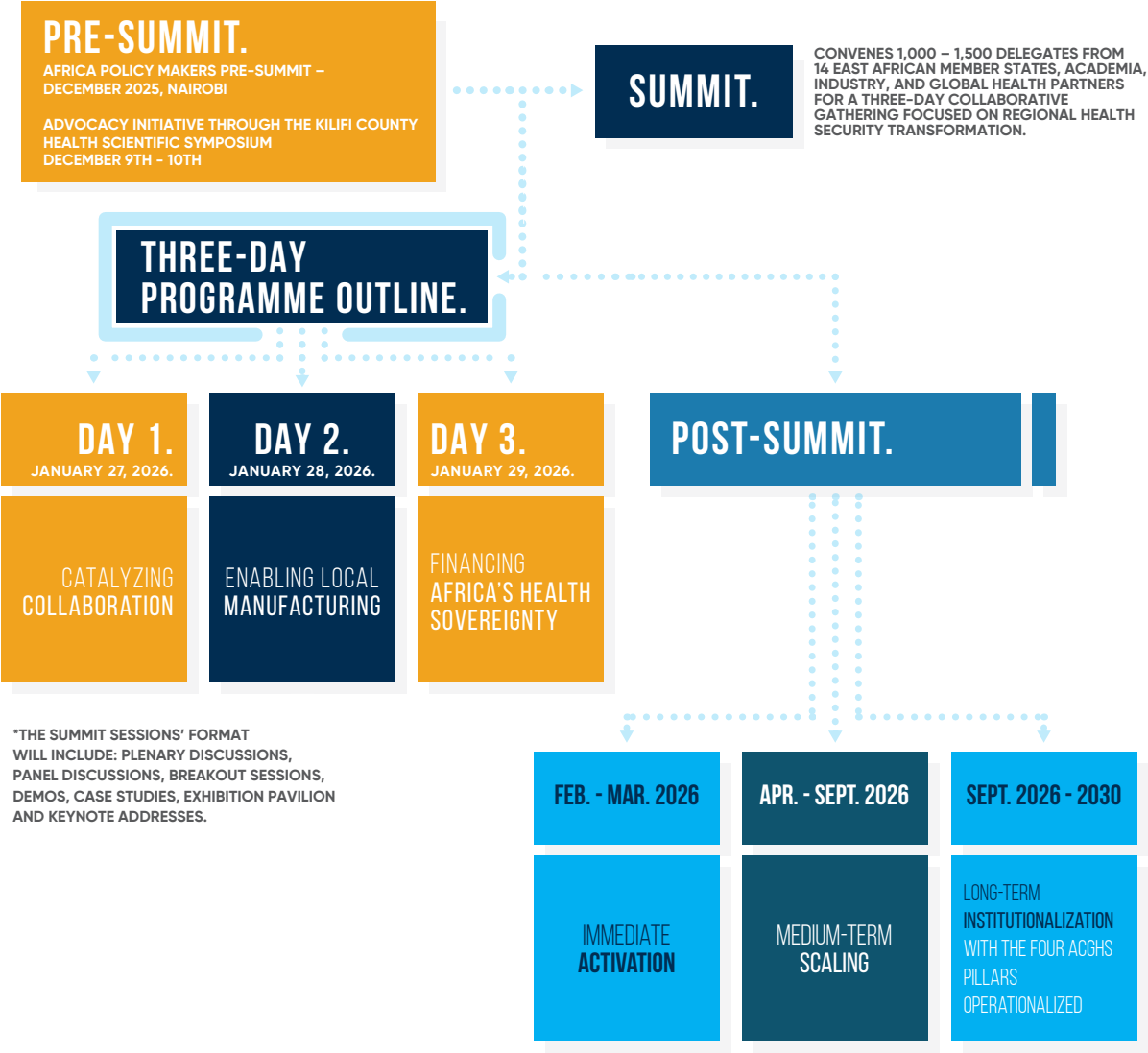
5.0 KEY EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The 2nd EARGHSS 2026 will deliver measurable outcomes that advance regional health security coordination and accountability to EARGHSS 2025 commitments:

01. Eastern Africa Regional Report on implementation progress of EARGHSS 2025 commitments and alignment with the New Public Health Order for Africa, Lusaka Agenda, Abuja Declaration, and WHO Pandemic Accord
02. Global knowledge exchange and networking to strengthen collaboration and innovation in Africa – Global Health Security across the triple helix and industry sectors.
03. Official Launch of the Africa Centre for Global Health Security (ACGHS), a collaborative catalyst uniting governments, academia, and industry to transform health security across Africa
04. Political and technical leadership for local manufacturing agenda strengthened through the amplification of Africa's Champions, advancing continental efforts toward health-commodity sovereignty.
05. Collaborative Actions and Strategic Partnerships among governments, academia, and industry, with binding commitments documented in the 2nd EARGHSS 2026 Communiqué



6.o STRUCTURE AND APPROACHES



Four ACGHS Pillars Operationalized:





7.0 SPONSORSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS

Unlock powerful visibility and engagement through tailored sponsorship tiers at the summit. Become a partner and position your organization at the heart of Global Health Security conversations—showcase solutions, shape policy, and connect with influential stakeholders.

EARGHSS 2026 will bring together top decision-makers, diverse beneficiaries, and actors from both public and private sectors, with strong attendance expected in the exhibition arena.

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PLATINUM SPONSOR \$150,000

Speaker/panellist sponsorship or sponsorship of the EARGHSS SUMMIT 2026 cocktail event.
 Timed MC mentions during summit, at least twice daily.
 One premium exhibition booth (6m x 3m) in prime position in the showcase area.
 Rotating top banner on the Summitscreens.
 Splash screen welcome advertisement on summit screen.
 Sponsor acknowledgement in all EARGHS SUMMIT 2026 promotional materials.
 Exclusive listing and recognition on the livestream of all plenary and Breakout sessions with a dedicated sponsor spotlight segment.
 Radio, TV, and social media mentions.
 Virtual e-insert included on the summit portal.
 Dedicated posts and features about your sponsorship.
 Opportunity to customize additional on-site branding, such as branded charging stations, directional signage, or branded summit bags.
 Logo prominently featured in all Summit promotional materials, including the website, program, signage, and holding slides in each session
 A featured blog post on the summit website
 Complimentary Passes for 8 Delegates

SILVER SPONSOR \$25,000

One exhibition space (3m x 3m) in the exhibition area.
 Sponsor acknowledgement in all EARGHS SUMMIT 2025 promotional materials.
 Logo on the Summit website and Summit program.
 Logo on Summit signage and visual displays, including holding slides in each session.
 Radio, TV, and social media mentions.
 Virtual e-insert included on the Summit portal committee.
 A featured blog post on the Summit website.
 Complimentary Passes for 4 Delegates

BRONZE SPONSOR \$10,000

One exhibition space (3m x 3m) in the exhibition area.
 Sponsor acknowledgment in all Summit promotional materials.
 Logo on Summit signage and visual displays.
 Logo on Summit program.
 Media mentions.
 Complimentary Passes for 3 Delegates

GOLD SPONSOR \$75,000

One exhibition space (3m x 3m) in a prime position in the exhibition area.
 Rotating top banner on the Summit screen.
 Splash screen welcome advertisement in Summit screen.
 Sponsor acknowledgement in all EARGHS SUMMIT 2026 promotional materials.
 Logo prominently featured in all Summit promotional materials, including the website, program, signage, and holding slides in each session.
 Radio, TV, and social media mentions.
 Virtual e-insert included on the Summit portal.
 A featured blog post on the Summit website.
 Complimentary Passes for 6 Delegates

EXHIBITOR \$5,000

One exhibition space (3m x 3m) in the exhibition area.
 Sponsor acknowledgment in all Summit promotional materials.
 Media mentions
 Complimentary Passes for 2 Delegates

DELEGATES \$500

Full 3-day conference access with Meals (Lunch & Coffee Breaks)
 Networking Events (Welcome Cocktail & Gala Dinner)
 Training Workshops
 Conference materials

Thank you

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