



HIGH LEVEL WHO LEADERSHIP VISIT TO GHANA

DG Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and RD Dr Mohamed Yakubu Janabi
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Africa Health Sovereignty Summit

THE ACCRA COMPACT

On August 5, 2025, WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and WHO Regional Director for Africa Dr Mohamed Yakubu Janabi joined African leaders, partners, and experts in Accra for the Africa Health Sovereignty Summit. The high-level gathering aimed to accelerate dialogue on building resilient, sustainable health systems and mobilizing innovative financing to drive health sovereignty across the continent. Their participation signaled WHO's strong commitment to supporting African-led solutions for better health security and equity.

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We must reject the outdated notion that health drains our economies.

Health is the engine of our productivity and the bedrock of inclusive growth

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H.E John Dramani Mahama
President, Republic of Ghana



Hon. Kwabena Mintah Akandoh, Minister of Health for Ghana, and Dr Mohammed Janabi, WHO Africa Regional Director

High-Level Engagements

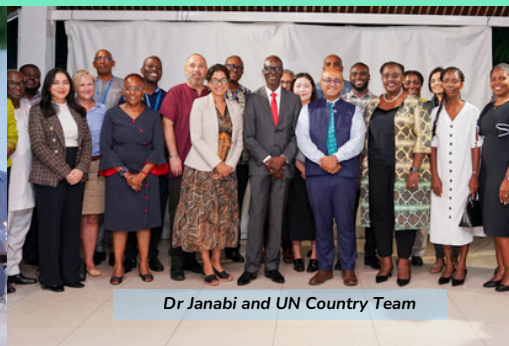
- Dr Tedros and Dr Janabi paid a courtesy call on President John Mahama, where they discussed Ghana's long-term health vision, including priorities such as primary health care, local vaccine manufacturing and health financing.
- Dr Janabi met with the Minister of Health, Hon. Kwabena Mintah Akandoh, to explore strategies for strengthening the national health system and advancing regional collaboration.
- Dr Janabi also engaged with UN Heads of Agencies in Ghana to align efforts and enhance coordination around key health and development priorities.



Officials from the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization



RD and Deputy Executive Director of UNAIDS with UN Country team



Dr Janabi and UN Country Team



Emergency Response Support

To support Ghana's response to Mpox, WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr Janabi, handed over critical supplies—including PPEs, GeneXpert Catridges and risk communication materials valued at USD 36,700. The donation reflects WHO's unwavering commitment to strengthening outbreak preparedness and protecting lives.



Country Office Visits

On separate occasions, Dr Tedros and Dr Janabi visited the WHO Ghana Country Office, where they met with staff, applauded their hard work and impact, and shared inspiring words of encouragement—reaffirming the vital role of country teams in driving WHO's mission forward.



Media Engagements

During his visit to Ghana, WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr Mohamed Yakubu Janabi, granted interviews to JoyNews (Ghana's leading local media house) and the BBC, where he outlined his bold vision for WHO Africa. He emphasized the need for innovation in addressing emerging health challenges, greater country ownership in driving health agendas, and stronger accountability across all levels of global health leadership.





Engagement with The African Union Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development

Dr Janabi held strategic discussions with Her Excellency Amma Adomaa Twum-Amoah, African Union Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development, to strengthen collaboration between WHO and the AU on key health initiatives. Their dialogue focused on advancing shared priorities such as response coordination, primary health care, local manufacturing (including traditional medicines)—reinforcing the need for aligned efforts and African-led solutions to drive sustainable progress in the region.





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