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12:00 noon - 13:30 pm

**Location**

African Union Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Moderator**

Dr. Austin Demby
Minister of Health
the Republic of Sierra Leone

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

- **H.E. DR. JULIUS MAADA BIO**
The President of The Republic of Sierra Leone

- **H.E. MOUSSA FAKI MAHAMAT**
Chairperson African Union Commission

- **DR. MATSHIDISO MOETI**
Regional Director World Health Organization for Africa

- **H.E. AMB. CESSOUMA SAMATE**
AU Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development African Union

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- **H.E. DR. JARE RUTH ACENG OCERO**
Minister of Health Republic of Uganda

- **HON. DR. HUSSEIN ELIAS**
Minister of Health Federal Republic of Somalia

- **DR. CHRIS ELIAS**
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- **DR. FÉLICITE TCHIBINDAT**
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