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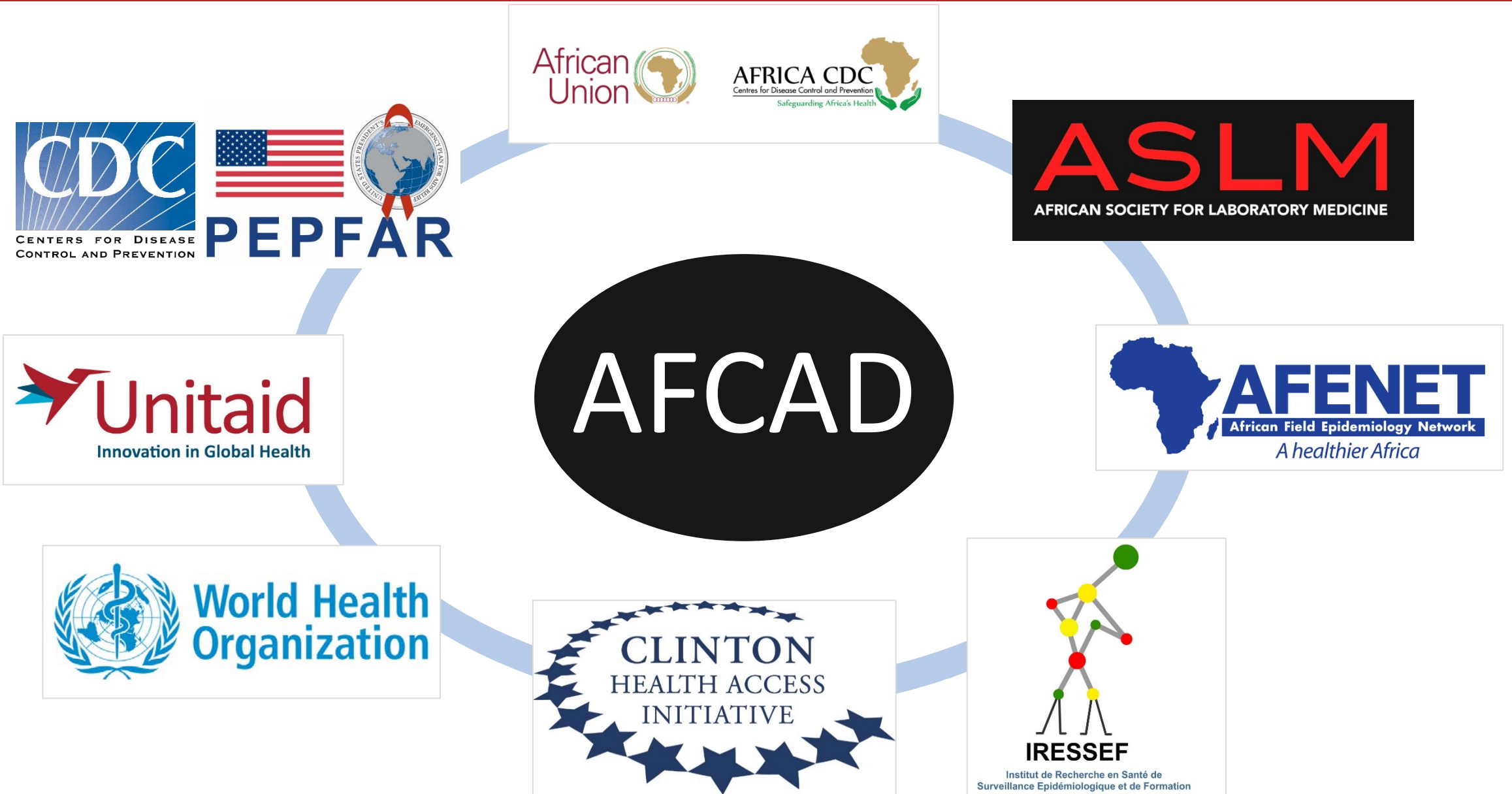
AFRICAN SOCIETY FOR LABORATORY MEDICINE

ADVANCING THE LABORATORY PROFESSION AND NETWORKS IN AFRICA

# **Africa Collaborative Initiative to Advance Diagnostics (AFCAD)**

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# In May 2018....conceptualisation



# The Launch....

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## Boosting quality diagnostics could give Africa better health

Africa CDC has launched a new initiative aimed at boosting access to essential diagnostics across the continent. Munyaradzi Makoni reports.



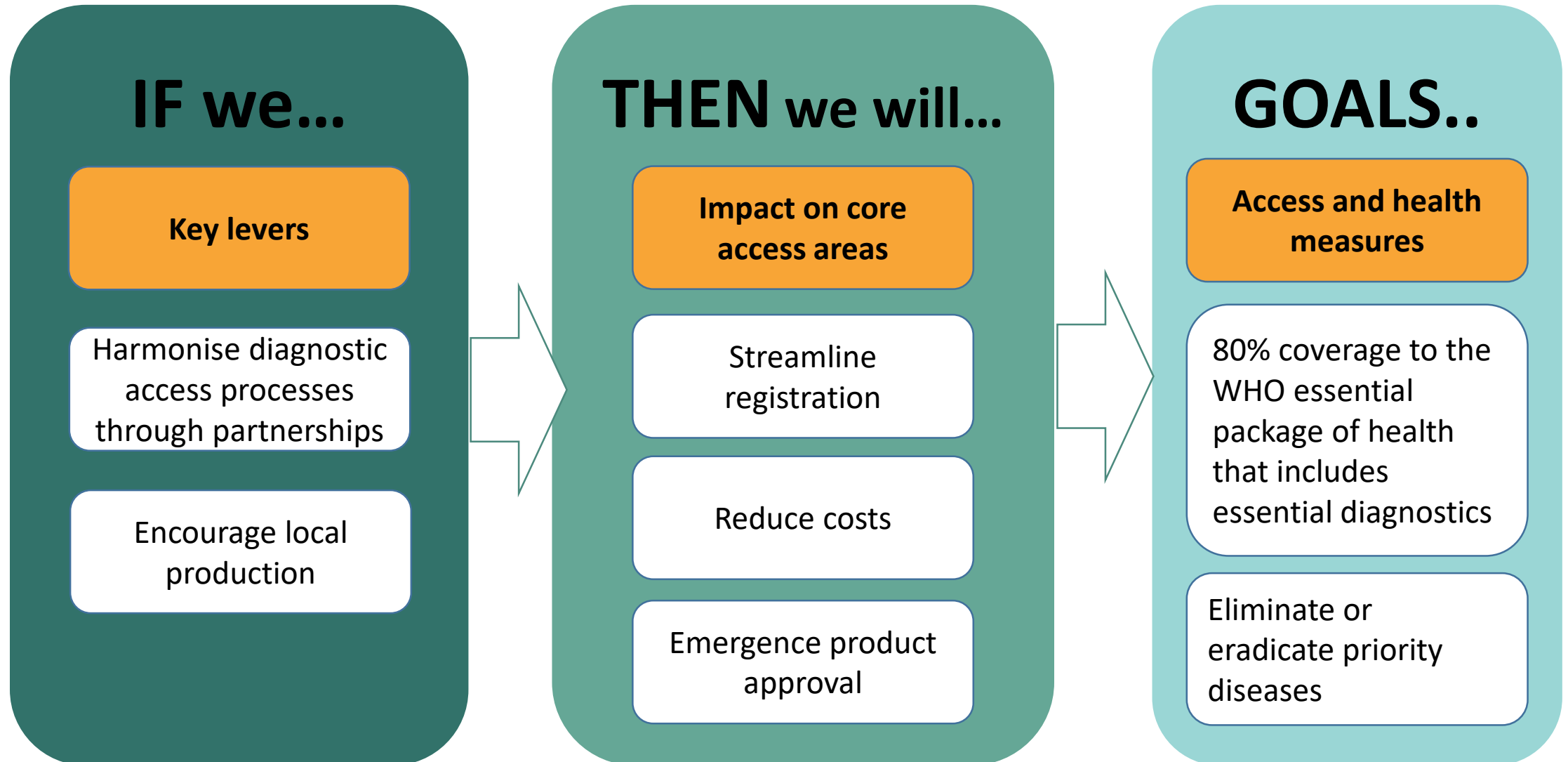
The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention has launched, on Nov 16, the Africa Collaborative Initiative to Advance Diagnostics (AFCAD). AFCAD's partnerships include the African Society for Laboratory Medicine, Institut de Recherche en

of dedicated budgeting, planning and accountability for diagnostics. Funding is highly dependent on donors, and substantial gaps exist in supply chain management and equipment maintenance.

"The cost of diagnostics is oft



# AFCAD - Theory of action



# AFCAD will prioritise approaches that accelerate



Regulation to facilitate timely and wide access to essential diagnostics



Market interventions to improve affordability



Communication and dissemination of data supporting evidence-based improvement of diagnostic services



Advocacy for appropriate investment in diagnostics

# Building upon existing global initiatives....

Prequal  
Diagnos

Second WHO Model List  
of Essential In Vitro  
Diagnostics

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WHO Prequal

World Health Organization

WHO PQ Collaborative Procedure for  
Accelerated Registrations

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Integrated  
Diagnostics  
Consortium



AFCAD





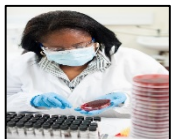
## AFRICA CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

### SAVE-THE-DATE

September 24 and 25, 2019 at  
Africa CDC, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Theme: Consultative meeting on Africa Collaborative Initiative to Advance Diagnostics for Universal Health Coverage and Health Security

### Supporting the Pillars of the Africa CDC



SURVEILLANCE &  
DISEASE  
INTELLIGENCE



INFORMATI  
ON SYSTEMS



LABORATORY  
SYSTEMS  
& NETWORKS



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HEALTH  
RESEARCH

### Meeting Objectives:

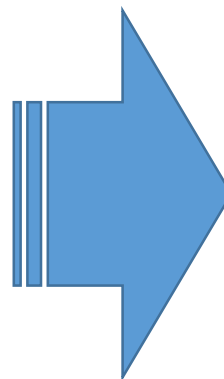
- Develop an expedited evaluation and registration process of diagnostics
- Discuss enabling conditions for local production of diagnostics in Africa
- Discuss financial pathways to increase diagnostics uptake in Africa

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## Expected Outcomes of the Meeting

- Establishment of Africa CDC experts committee for expedited access to and update of diagnostics in Africa to meet its health strategy agenda.
- Development of a standardized protocol on evaluation of diagnostics, and criteria for selection and capacity building for Centers of excellence in Africa.
- Establishment of partnerships for a blueprint for a diagnostics revolving fund, designed to accelerate manufacturing of diagnostics in Africa.
- Accomplishment of a consensus on a mechanism to facilitate uptake of diagnostics in Africa.
- Launching of an HIV viral load movement, as proof of concept of the AFCAD, to increase uptake and access to meet programme targets.





# LAUNCH OF **AFRICA HIV VIRAL LOAD MOVEMENT**

## Featuring



Political and policy considerations for access to viral load



Programmatic considerations for access to viral load



Commodities needs for access to viral load



Roundtable discussion on country experiences from Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, South Africa and Uganda



**Time:** 4.30-6.30 pm

**Date:** 24 September 2019

**Participants:** High level delegation from *African Union Members States and partners*

**Moderator:** Dr John Nkengasong

**Chief Launcher:** Her Excellency Amira Elfadil Mohammed Elfadil,

*(African Union Commissioner for Social Affairs)*

## Session Objective

Launch an HIV Viral Load Movement for Africa to contribute to the achievement of the 2030 HIV treatment Fast-Track Target.



Thank You

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