



**MINISTRY OF HEALTH
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MEMO**

From: Principal Secretary

To: All Heads of Directorates, Divisions and Departments

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**RE: POSTPONEMENT OF THE KENYA PUBLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE (KEPHIC) 2026**

The Kenya Public Health International Conference (KEPHIC) 2026, scheduled for 26–30 October 2026, has been postponed to February 2027. The revised dates will be communicated in due course.

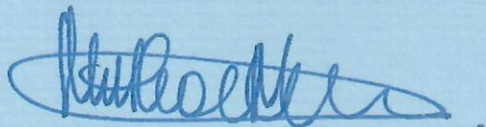
The postponement is necessitated by the ongoing Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) response and El Niño preparedness activities, which require the prioritisation of public health personnel and resources for critical interventions, including surveillance, contact tracing, laboratory services, case management and implementation of established response protocols.

Accordingly, all Heads of Directorates, Divisions and Departments shall:

1. Notify all staff under their respective jurisdictions of the postponement, including KEPHIC committee members, abstract presenters and registered delegates.
2. Prioritise the deployment and availability of designated personnel for EVD response activities in accordance with directions from the Incident Management Structure.
3. Retain all conference documentation and preparatory materials to facilitate the resumption of preparations once the revised dates are confirmed.
4. Notify the KEPHIC Secretariat of any unavoidable commitments arising from the postponement.

All existing registrations, accepted abstracts and payments shall remain valid for the rescheduled conference.

Your cooperation in prioritising the national public health response while ensuring an orderly resumption of conference preparations is appreciated.



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