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### WHS Nairobi 2026 Delivers Key Gains for Kenya and Africa's Health Agenda

The summit prioritised the Continental Immunisation Strategy 2030, scaled focus on health innovation, and advanced discussions on a Financing Alignment and Mutual Accountability Framework to support the transition toward sustainable, domestically financed health systems.

The closing plenary was presided over by Deputy President Kithure Kindiki, with Kenya's delegation led by Cabinet Secretary for Health Aden Duale, alongside regional and global leaders.

The meeting reaffirmed a unified African voice focused on translating commitments into measurable health outcomes.

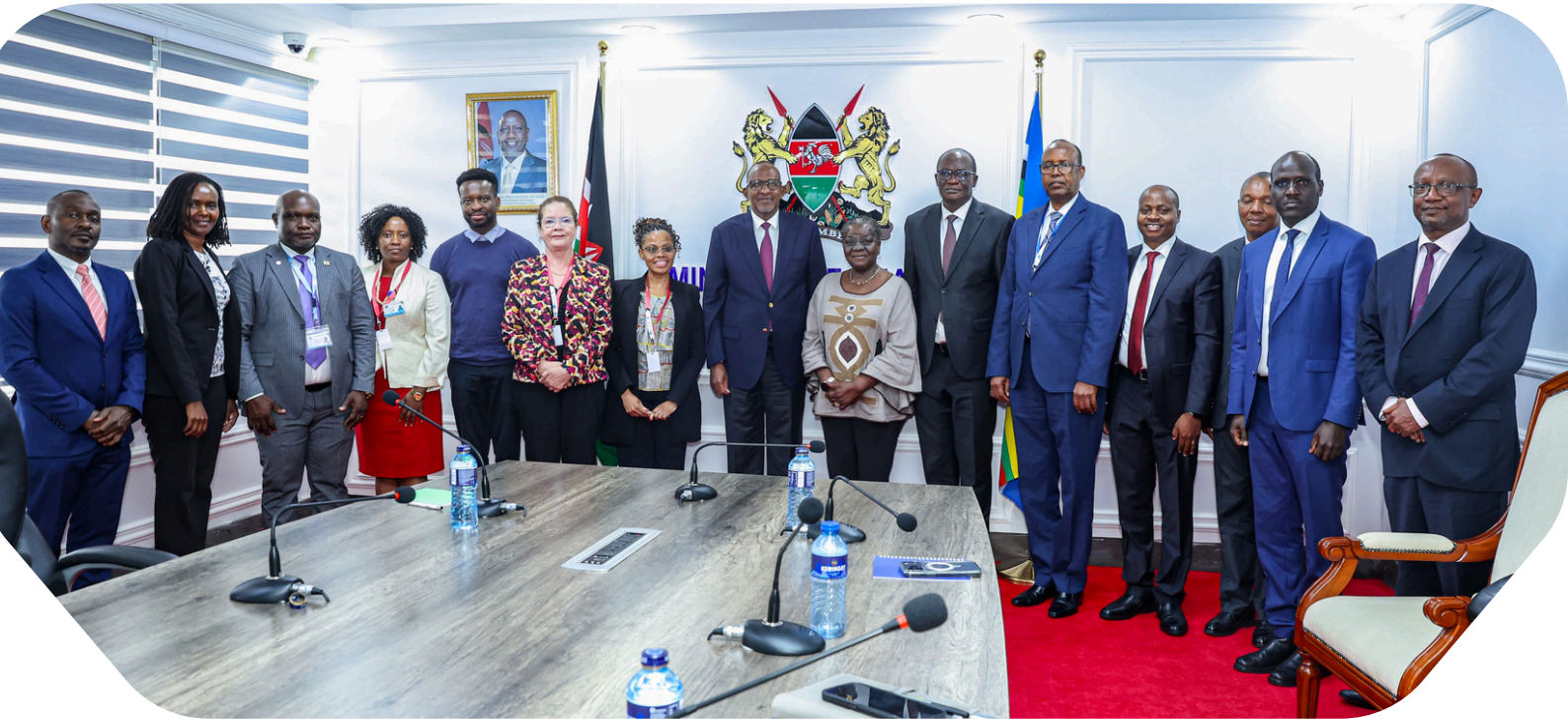


The 2026 World Health Summit Regional Meeting in Nairobi concluded with major outcomes set to strengthen Kenya's health system and advance Africa's collective health priorities.

A key milestone was the launch of the African Health Leadership and Management Committee (AHLMC) by Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, reinforcing a shift toward African-led solutions and stronger health governance.

Kenya also secured an agreement with Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention to host the Eastern Africa Regional Coordinating Centre in Nairobi, which will serve 14 countries and enhance regional health security, coordination, and emergency response.



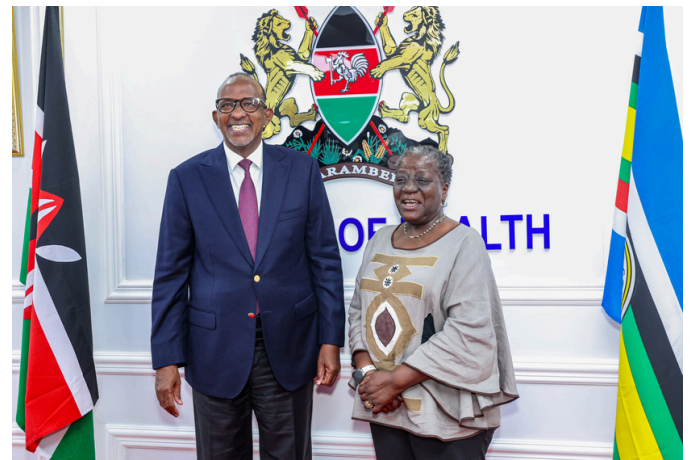


## Kenya, Global Fund Align on Sustaining Health Gains Amid Reforms

Cabinet Secretary for Health Aden Duale met Global Fund Vice President Bience Gawanas in Nairobi on the margins of the World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2026 to review progress and chart the next phase of collaboration.

The engagement highlighted the Global Fund's continued support in strengthening Kenya's health system, particularly across HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria programmes, while reinforcing broader service delivery.

Kenya's ongoing reforms under Taifa Care and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) featured prominently, with over 30 million Kenyans enrolled in social health insurance and a strengthened community health workforce anchoring primary healthcare.



With global health financing under pressure, Kenya reiterated its focus on domestic resource mobilisation to sustain priority programmes. Both sides also explored opportunities to scale collaboration in local pharmaceutical manufacturing and digital health to enhance system resilience and efficiency.

The Cabinet Secretary was accompanied by Director-General for Health Patrick Amoth and senior Ministry officials.





## Kenya Advances Integration of Traditional Medicine into Primary Healthcare

Kenya is scaling up data-driven approaches to malaria control to sustain progress and maximise impact amid tightening global financing.

The country is advancing precision public health by targeting high-burden areas, improving efficiency in resource use, and ensuring investments deliver measurable outcomes.

A key intervention is the rollout of Multiple First-Line Therapies (MFTs) to preserve the effectiveness of antimalarial medicines and slow the emergence of drug resistance.

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni outlined these priorities while opening a three-day workshop convened by the RBM Partnership to End Malaria in Nairobi.

The forum has brought together delegates from over 35 countries, alongside global and regional partners, to align strategies on optimising malaria interventions and maximising available funding.





## Kenya, World Health Summit Leaders Review Nairobi Outcomes

Cabinet Secretary for Health Aden Duale held a courtesy call at Afya House with Axel Pries and CEO Carsten Schicker following the Nairobi edition of the World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2026.

The meeting reviewed key outcomes of the Summit, reaffirming its role in connecting evidence, policy, and implementation while elevating African priorities in global health dialogue.

Kenya's progress toward UHC featured prominently, with emphasis on community health systems, digital health, and emergency preparedness.

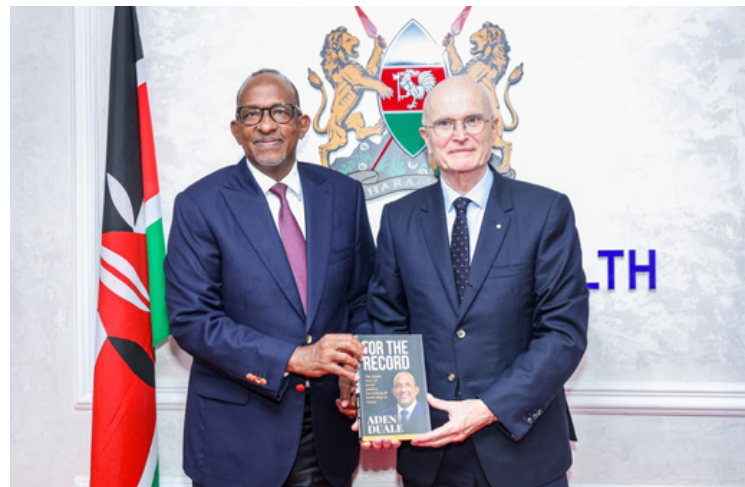
Participants also highlighted the continental agenda led by the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and the African Union, noting the need for stronger alignment with global platforms.

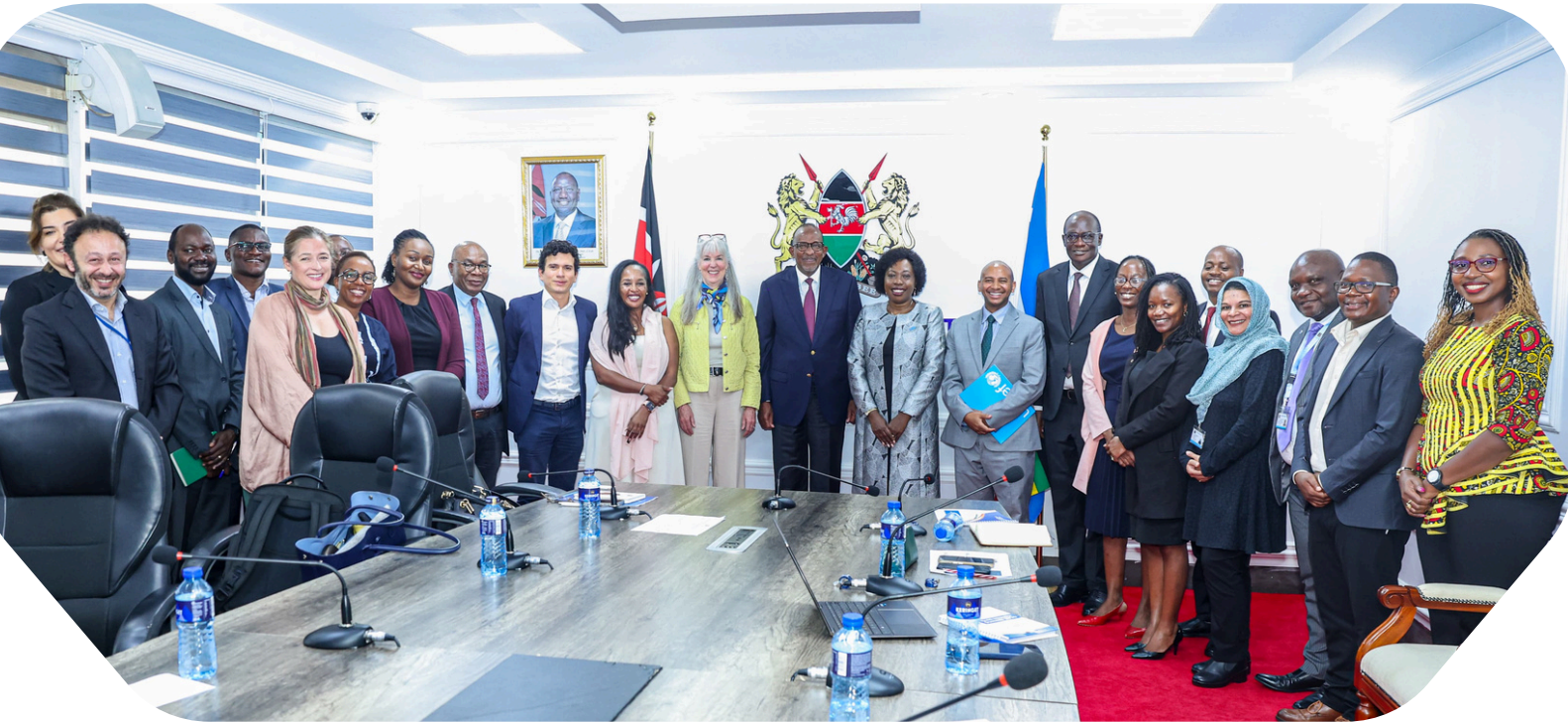
The Cabinet Secretary commended Aga Khan University for linking research, training, and policy through the Academic Alliance.

Discussions further explored continued collaboration with the World Health Summit, including amplifying Nairobi outcomes and sustaining momentum through global processes such as the World Health Assembly.

Kenya reaffirmed its commitment to partnerships that advance a more equitable, effective, and results-driven global health system.

The Cabinet Secretary was accompanied by Director-General for Health Patrick Amoth.





## Kenya, Gavi Align on Strengthening Immunisation Systems

Kenya convened a high-level dialogue with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and key partners to advance equitable access to vaccines and strengthen resilient immunisation systems.

The engagement focused on the 2026 Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) Review, a critical process to guide future strategy and improve service delivery. Cabinet Secretary for Health Aden Duale commended partners for sustained support in protecting child health.

Kenya has made progress in expanding vaccine coverage, including the introduction of HPV, malaria, and typhoid vaccines, alongside improvements in delivery systems. However, recurring outbreaks such as cholera and polio continue to highlight gaps in surveillance and preparedness.

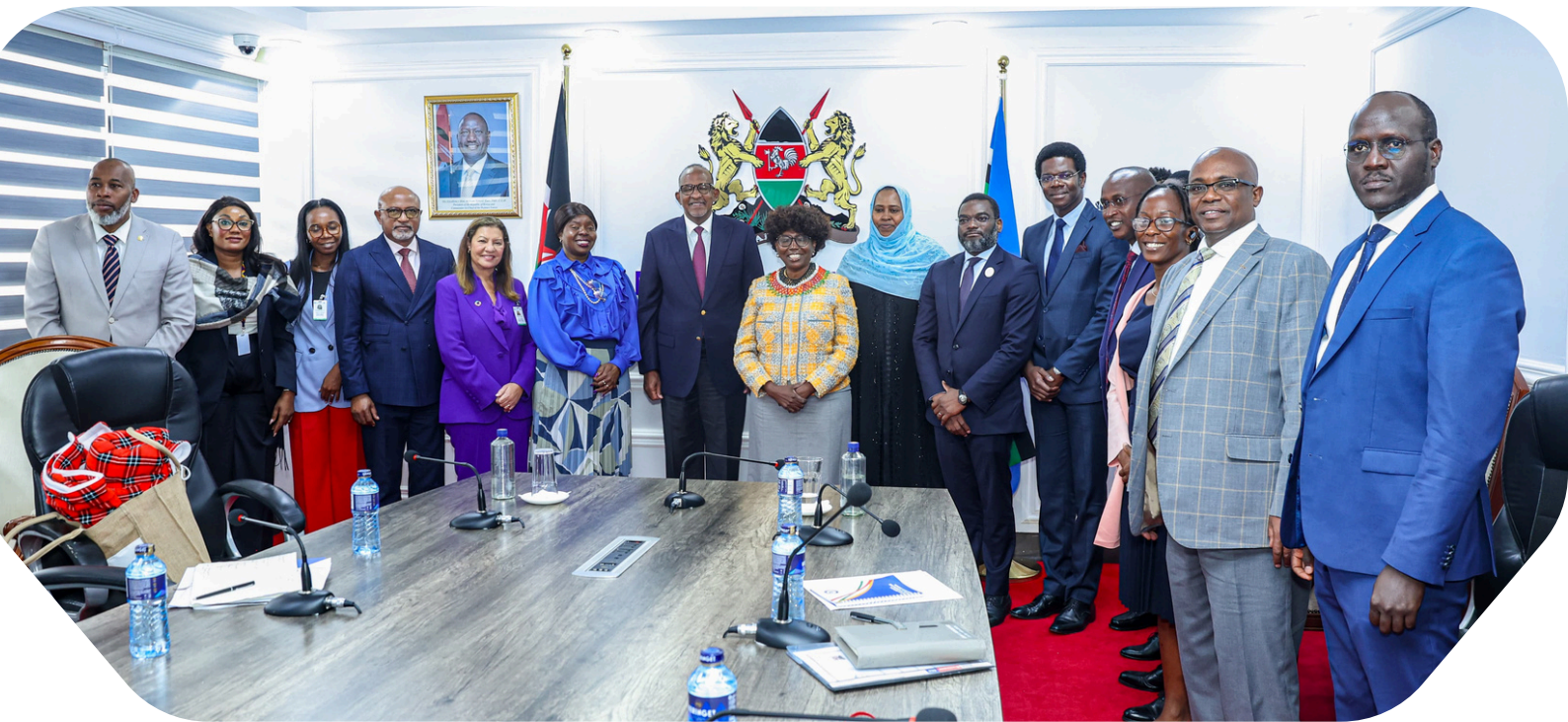


The country is aligning its immunisation priorities with Immunisation Agenda 2030, with a focus on closing equity gaps and reaching underserved populations, while ongoing reforms under Taifa Care are strengthening data-driven service delivery.

As Kenya prepares to transition from Gavi support, emphasis was placed on sustaining gains and strengthening domestic financing. Findings from the EPI Review will inform the next National Immunisation Strategy (2025–2030).

Director-General for Health Patrick Amoth and partners including World Health Organization and UNICEF attended.





## Kenya, Angola Advance Health Partnership to Implementation

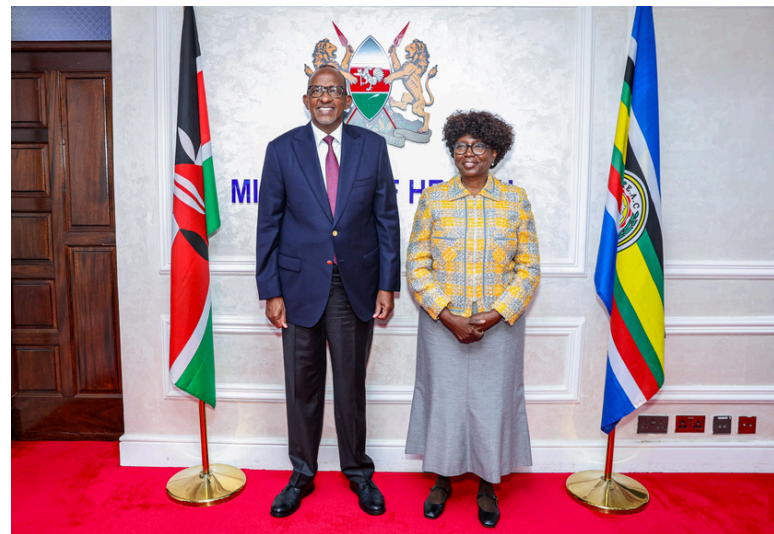
Kenya and Angola are advancing their health partnership from commitment to delivery following high-level talks between Cabinet Secretary for Health Aden Duale and Angola's Minister of Health Sílvia Paula Valentim Lutucuta.

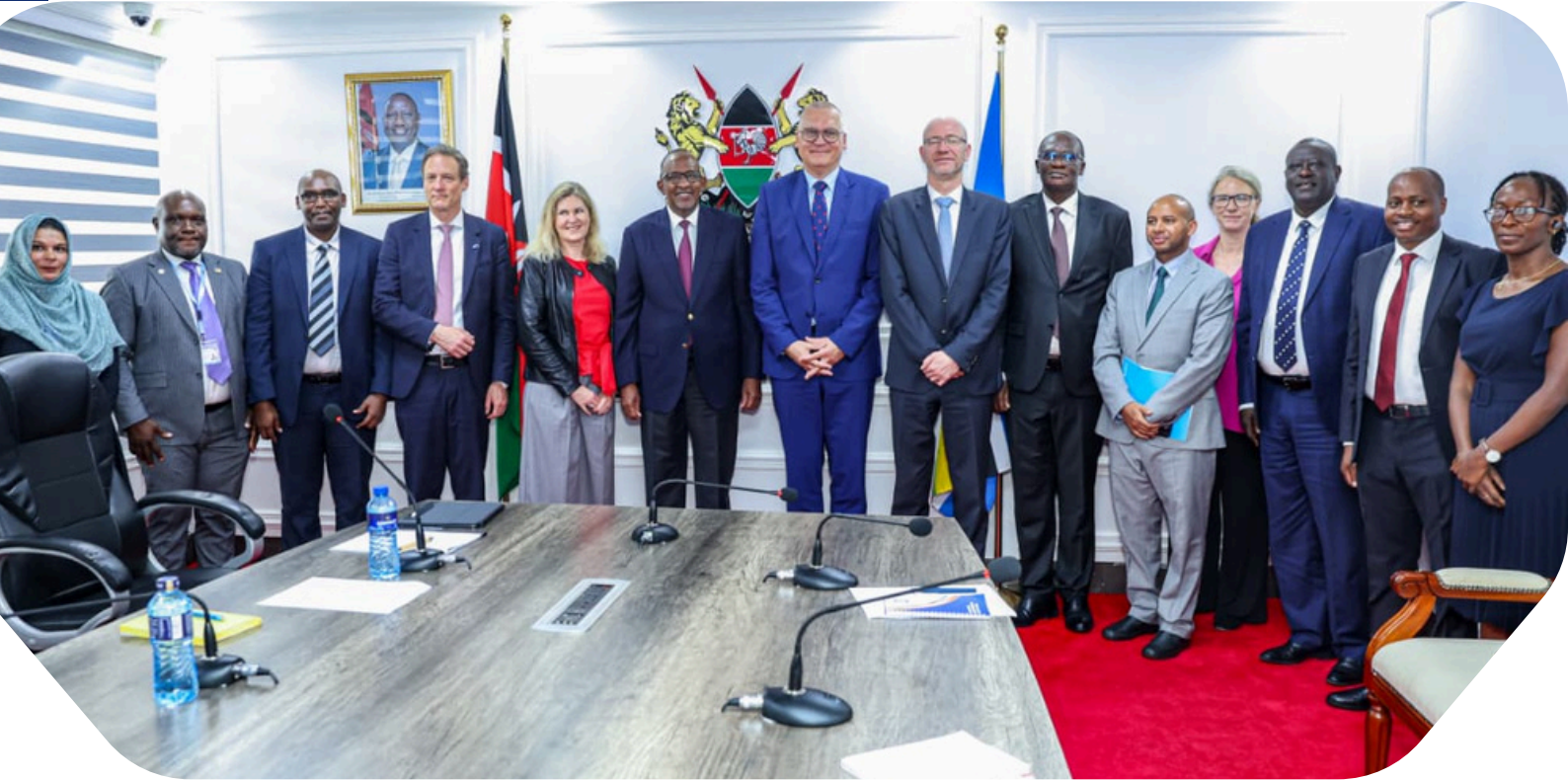
The engagement reviewed progress under the Memorandum of Understanding, with both sides prioritising areas where cooperation can deliver measurable outcomes. Central to the discussions was a shared resolve to move from agreements to implementation that strengthens health systems in both countries.

Kenya's experience in advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) provided a practical reference point, drawing from reforms in primary healthcare, health financing, and service delivery. The exchange reflected a shift toward results-driven South-South collaboration grounded in experience.

Discussions focused on high-impact areas, with human resources for health emerging as a key pillar. Angola's investment in African training institutions aligns with Kenya's capacity, positioning the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) as a strategic partner, alongside emphasis on operationalising joint implementation structures to accelerate progress.

Both countries also identified opportunities in research, innovation, and digital health, as well as shared priorities in immunisation and malaria control. The partners committed to fast-tracking the 2025–2030 Work Plan and strengthening accountability mechanisms to sustain momentum and deliver tangible results.





## Kenya, EIB Advance Health Facility Solarisation Programme

Cabinet Secretary for Health Aden Duale held bilateral talks with a European Investment Bank delegation led by Vice President Marek Mora to advance strategic health investments, with focus on the energy transition at Kenyatta National Hospital.

The engagement highlighted the importance of reliable and sustainable energy in strengthening Kenya's health system and advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC), particularly in ensuring uninterrupted delivery of essential services and improving system resilience.

Discussions centred on the KNH solarisation pilot supported under the EIB City Climate Finance Gap Fund. With feasibility studies complete and implementation underway, the initiative is expected to anchor a broader rollout targeting at least 2,000 priority health facilities.



The programme will deploy standardised solar and battery storage systems, integrate with critical medical equipment, and strengthen maintenance and governance frameworks across national and county levels—supporting service continuity in immunisation and maternal and child health, while reducing operational costs.

The Cabinet Secretary called for continued support from the European Investment Bank in financing scale-up, expanding technical assistance, and advancing innovative financing models for health infrastructure.

The meeting was attended by Ephraim Lemango of UNICEF, Director-General for Health Patrick Amoth, Richard Lesiyampe, and senior Ministry of Health officials.

