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CS Health, US Experts Explore AI-Driven Cancer Care Reforms



Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale on May 6, 2026 held a strategic engagement at Afya House with Prof. Eric Ford, Director and Vice-Chair of Medical Physics at the University of Washington and member of Bio Ventures for Global Health (BVGH), focused on accelerating cancer care transformation under the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) agenda.

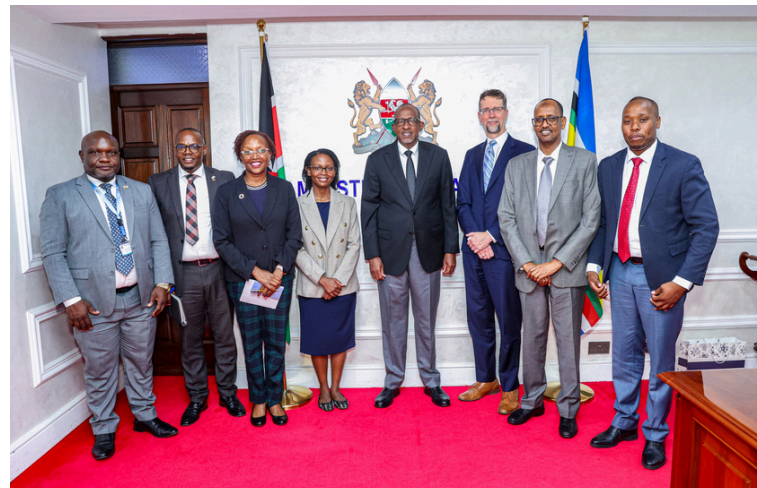
The discussions centred on scaling AI-enabled oncology solutions already in use at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) to improve diagnostic precision, clinical decision support, and efficiency in service delivery. Both sides also explored strengthening radiotherapy services, reducing delays from diagnosis to treatment, and expanding access through a hub-and-spoke network linking referral hospitals with regional cancer centres.

The engagement further highlighted digital learning platforms to decentralise specialised oncology training, strengthen continuous professional development, and build local expertise in clinical research and implementation science.

Discussions also focused on integrating community health systems with specialised oncology services to support early detection of breast and cervical cancers, alongside improving procurement planning, forecasting, and supply chain systems to ensure consistent access to essential cancer medicines.

The meeting reaffirmed a shared commitment to practical, technology-driven solutions that improve access, quality, and equity in cancer care delivery under Taifa Care.

The CS was joined by Dr. Stephen Muleshe, Director of Public Health and Sanitation, Dr. Isaak Bashir, Director of Family Health, CEO NCI Dr. Elias Melly and other senior Ministry of Health officials.



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PS Mary Muthoni Elected Chair of African Health Secretaries Forum

Kenya's role in advancing regional health security has gained further recognition following the election of Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni, as Chairperson of the African Permanent and Principal Secretaries for Health during a high-level consultative meeting on cross-border collaboration for health security in Brazzaville.

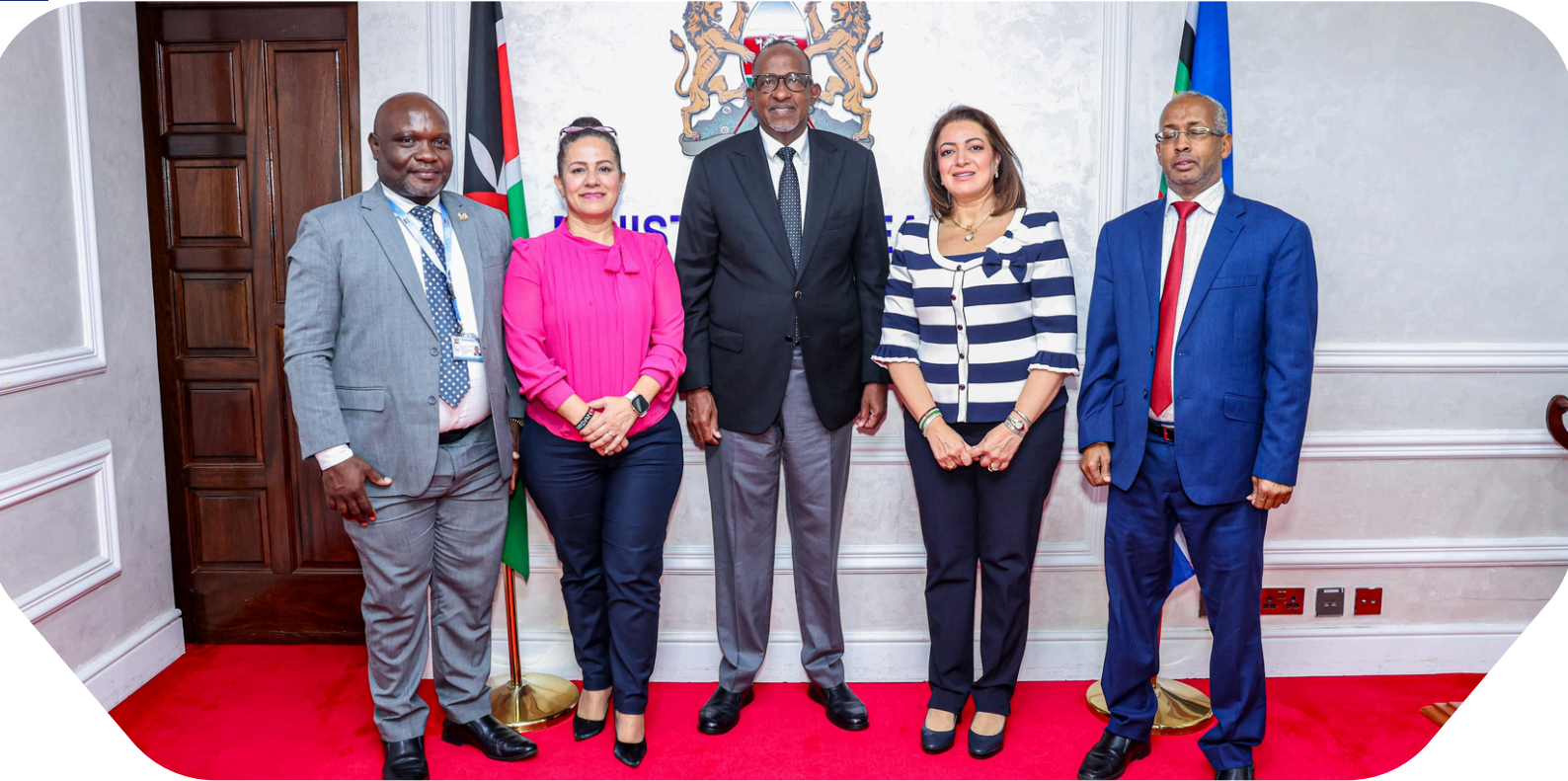
The appointment marks a major milestone in strengthening coordinated continental action on public health and reinforces Kenya's growing leadership in shaping Africa's health agenda.

The new role is expected to enhance regional collaboration in disease surveillance, emergency preparedness and response, while promoting the sharing of expertise, innovations, and best practices among African countries.

It also positions Kenya at the centre of efforts to mobilise strategic partnerships and strengthen resilient, responsive health systems that protect communities and support the Universal Health Coverage agenda.

The election reflects a shared commitment by African nations to deepen cross-border cooperation and strengthen collective responses to public health threats through unified leadership and strategic collaboration.





Kenya, Jordan Advance Cooperation on Specialised Healthcare

Kenya and Jordan explored collaboration in digital health, local pharmaceutical and medical manufacturing, specialised care, referral systems, health workforce development, and regulatory harmonisation.

The meeting further provided an opportunity to learn from Jordan's experience in Universal Health Coverage implementation, particularly in benefit package design and provider payment systems that promote efficiency and sustainability.

The meeting was also attended by the Director of Public Health and Sanitation, Dr. Stephen Muleshe.

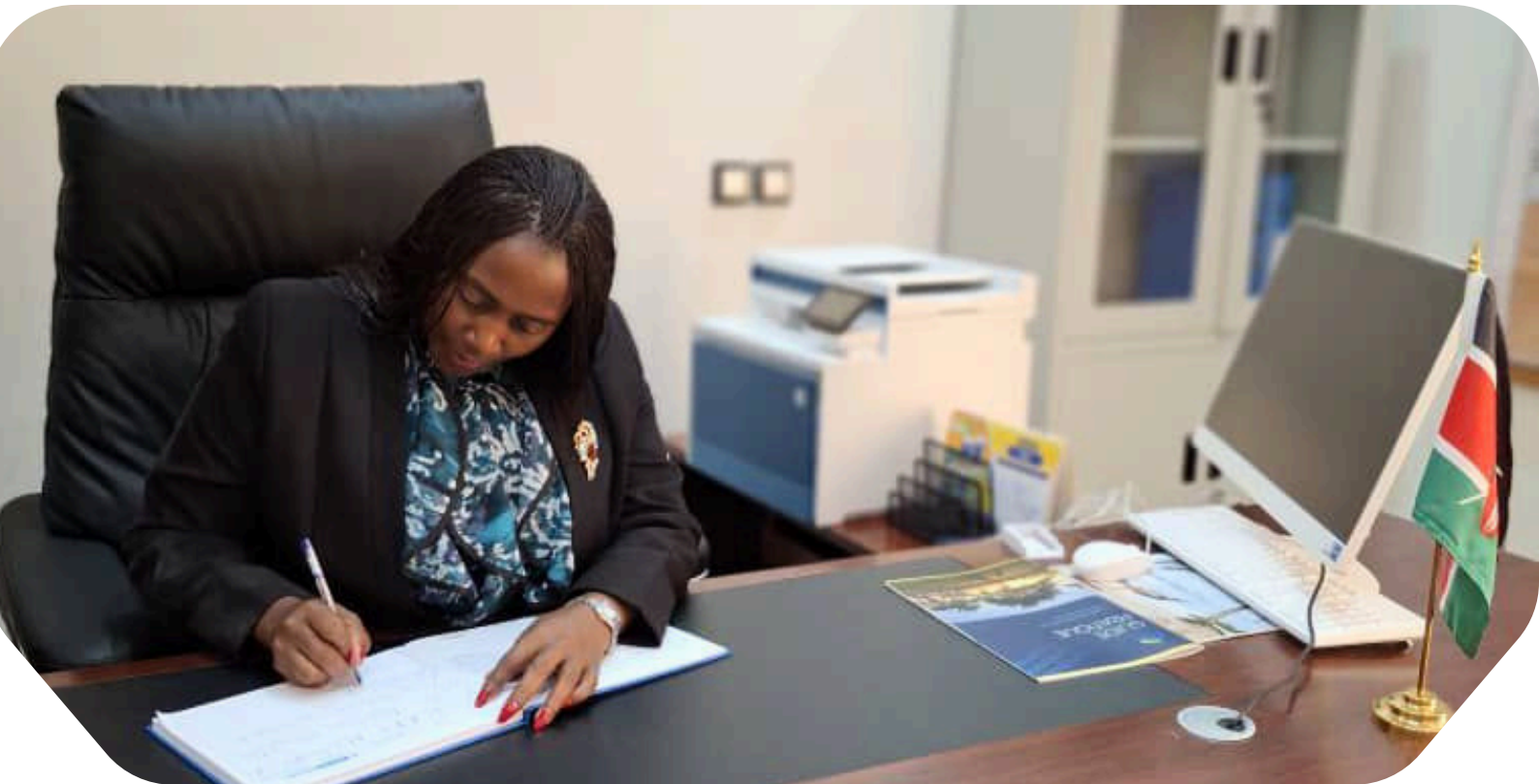


Health Cabinet Secretary Hon. Aden Duale today held bilateral talks with the Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Kenya, H.E. Rulan Samara, to strengthen cooperation in advancing the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) agenda.

The discussions focused on expanding access to specialised healthcare services, particularly oncology, while supporting the development of an equitable, resilient, and high-quality health system.

The engagement aligns with the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) and ongoing reforms under the Taifa Care model, including the operationalisation of the Social Health Authority (SHA) to strengthen health financing, improve predictability, and reduce out-of-pocket expenditure.

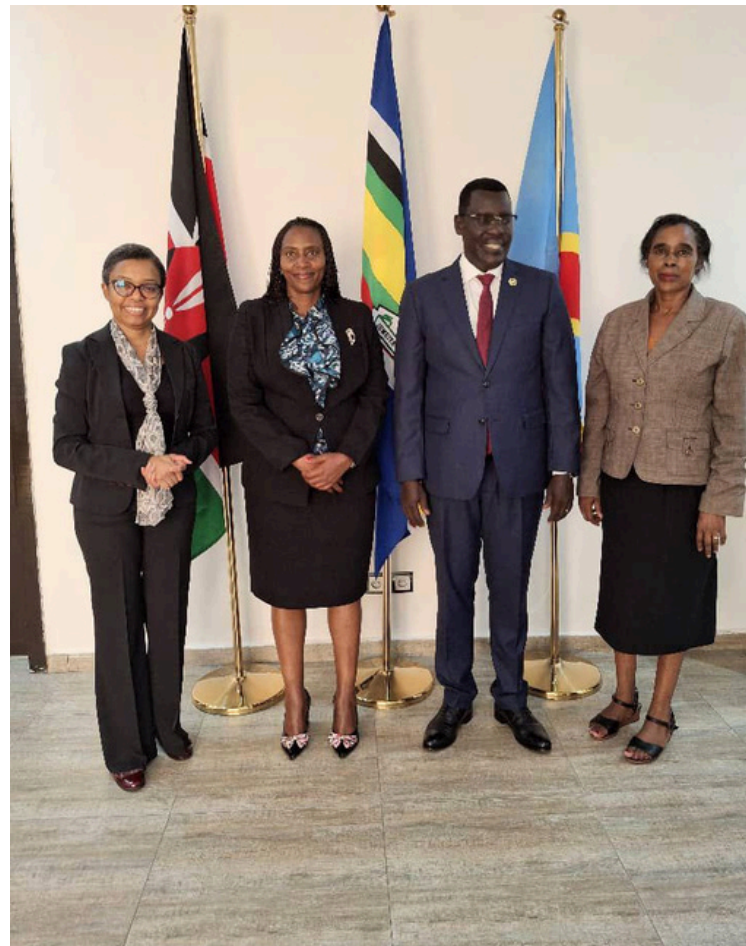




Kenya Strengthens Regional Health Security Partnerships in Brazzaville

Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni, paid a courtesy call on Kenya's Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Congo, Eng. Peter Tum, on the sidelines of the Consultative Meeting of Permanent and Principal Secretaries on Cross-Border Collaboration for Health Security in Brazzaville.

The engagement focused on advancing Kenya's regional health priorities, strengthening diplomatic cooperation, and supporting partnerships that enhance cross-border health security, disease surveillance, and coordinated regional response mechanisms.





Medical Services Department Accelerates Records Digitisation Reforms

The State Department for Medical Services is accelerating the digitisation of records to improve efficiency, transparency, and accountability across its operations.

Speaking on behalf of Principal Secretary Dr. Ouma Oluga during a records management workshop in Naivasha, Director of Administration Mr. Stephen Bitok underscored the need to modernise records systems, noting that fragmented and manual processes continue to slow decision-making and delay responses to public needs.

He called for the full digitisation and integration of records into a central electronic system to strengthen access to information, improve coordination, support real-time decision-making, and reduce reliance on paper files.

The five-day workshop is aimed at aligning records management practices with the department's digital transformation agenda, strengthening staff capacity, and developing key outputs including standard operating procedures and an implementation work plan.

Ministry leadership reaffirmed its commitment to reforms that will harmonise records systems and enhance service delivery.

Present were Director of Records Management Ms. Janet Mose, Deputy Director Rachael Nyaga, alongside facilitators from the Kenya National Archives and Documentation Service and the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner.





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