



Timeline of African Union Response to the Ebola Outbreak



April 17, 2014

AU Ministers of Health convened in Angola and appealed to Member States, with experience fighting Ebola (Uganda and DRC), to assist with action

August 8, 2014

WHO declares Ebola a public health emergency of international concern

August 19, 2014

AU Peace and Security Council adopted decisions authorising immediate deployment of AU led Military and Civilian Humanitarian Mission

August 25, 2014

AU team carries out evaluation mission to Liberia, Sierra-Leone, Guinea and Senegal

August 20, 2014

AU Support to Ebola outbreak in West Africa (ASEOWA) was formed

August, 2014

\$1 million dollars was released from the AU special emergency fund for drought and famine

September 5, 2014

AU Staff members donated \$100,000 to the Ebola effort

September 15, 2014

ASEOWA team arrives in Liberia

September 18, 2014

UN Security Council declares Ebola a threat to international peace and security

September 8, 2014

Emergency session of the Executive Council on Ebola held to adopt a common position and called on Member States to urgently lift all travel bans and restrictions

September 24, 2014

AUC Chairperson addresses special session on Ebola at the UN General Assembly

October 23, 2014

The Chairperson of the AUC, accompanied by the Executive Secretary of the UNECA, visited Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone. She also visited Coted'ivoire and Ghana to discuss the major decisions of the Executive Council, such as flight cancellations and closure of borders.

October 26, 2014

Following discussions, Air Cote d'Ivoire resumed flights to Conakry and later to Monrovia and Freetown

October 2, 2014

Second team of ASEOWA Volunteers deployed to Liberia and Sierra-Leone

October 31, 2014

ASEOWA team of volunteers deployed to the eight counties in Monrovia

December 3, 2014

A continental SMS campaign to garner public support from Africans across the continent

ASEOWA Nigerian Health Corps deployed

November 8, 2014

African Business Roundtable on Ebola held and raises an initial USD31 million from the private sector and AfDB

November 9, 2014

A third team of ASEOWA volunteers were trained and deployed to Guinea and Sierra-Leone

Next Steps

Multisector Engagement

to facilitate a comprehensive and coordinated response

Resource Mobilisation

to support volunteers, medical facilities and reconstruction in Members States

Advocacy & Communication

to increase awareness and encourage engagement