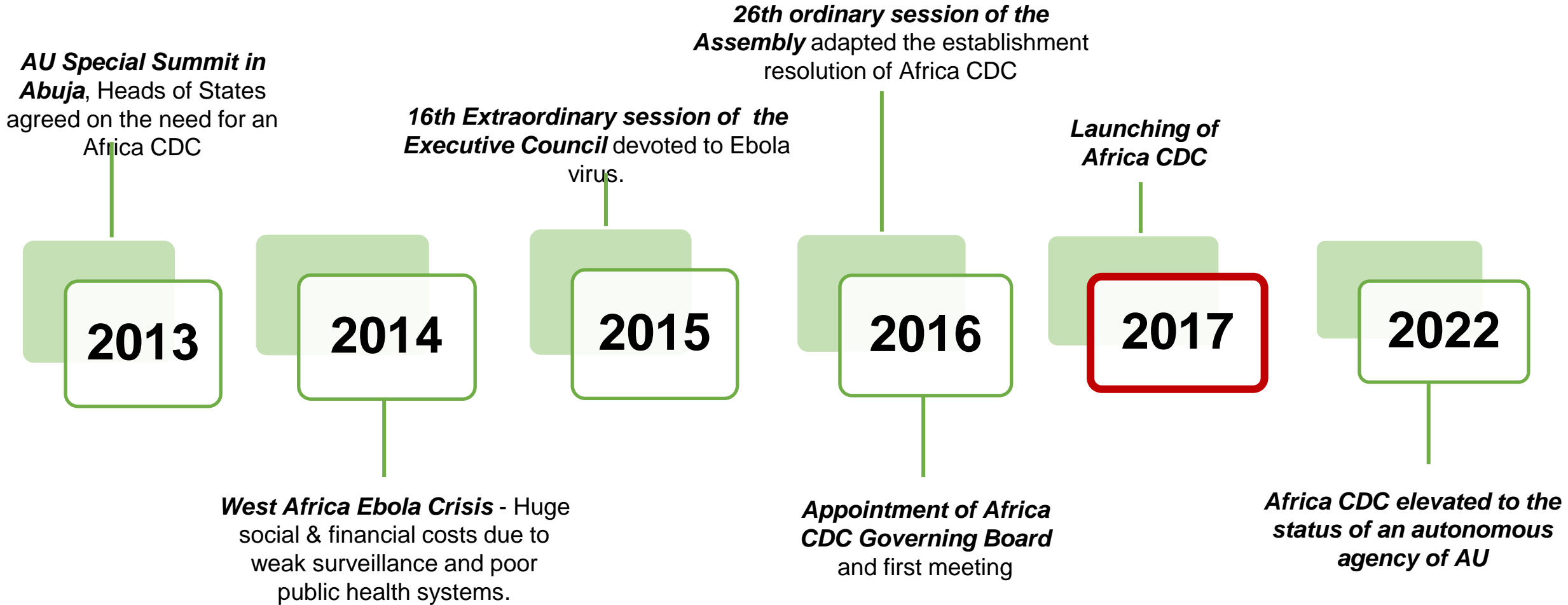




Overview of Africa CDC Cross Border Surveillance Program

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Reflecting on the Journey of Africa CDC



AU 2063 Agenda

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- A **prosperous** Africa based on **inclusive growth** and **sustainable** development.
- An Africa whose development is **people-driven**, relying on the **potential of African people**, especially its **women** and youth, and caring for **children**.
- An integrated continent, **politically united**, based on the ideals of **Pan-Africanism** and the vision of Africa's **Renaissance**.
- An Africa with a strong **cultural identity**, common **heritage, values & ethics**.
An Africa of **good governance, democracy**, respect for **human rights, justice** and the **rule of law**.
- A **peaceful** and **secure** Africa.

Africa as a strong, united, resilient and influential global player and partner.

AU Health Strategy

AU HEALTH STRATEGY 2016 - 2030

An **integrated, inclusive** and **prosperous Africa** free from its heavy burden of **disease, disability** and premature **death**.

An effective, **African-driven response** to reduce the burden of disease through **strengthened health systems, scaled-up health interventions, intersectoral action** and **empowered communities**



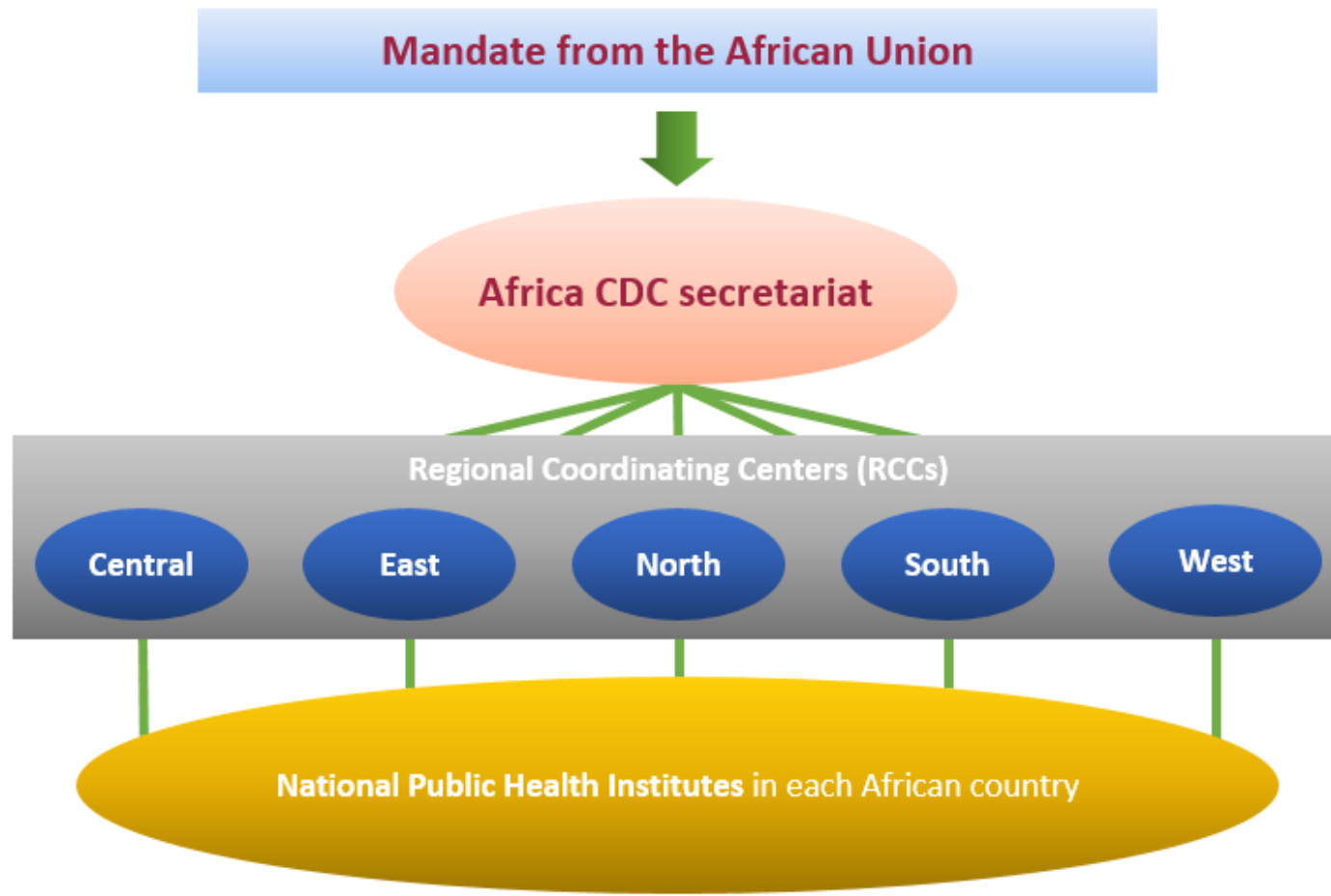
The New Public Health Order

Africa CDC has put forth a vision through the New Public Health Order to guide transformative investments for the continent's medium- to longer-term health security:

- ❖ **Strengthening African Institutions for Public Health;**
- ❖ **Strengthening Public Health Workforce**
- ❖ **Expanding Local Manufacturing of Health Products**
- ❖ **Increasing Domestic Investment in Health**
- ❖ **Promoting Action-Oriented and Respectful Partnership**



Africa CDC Operating Model



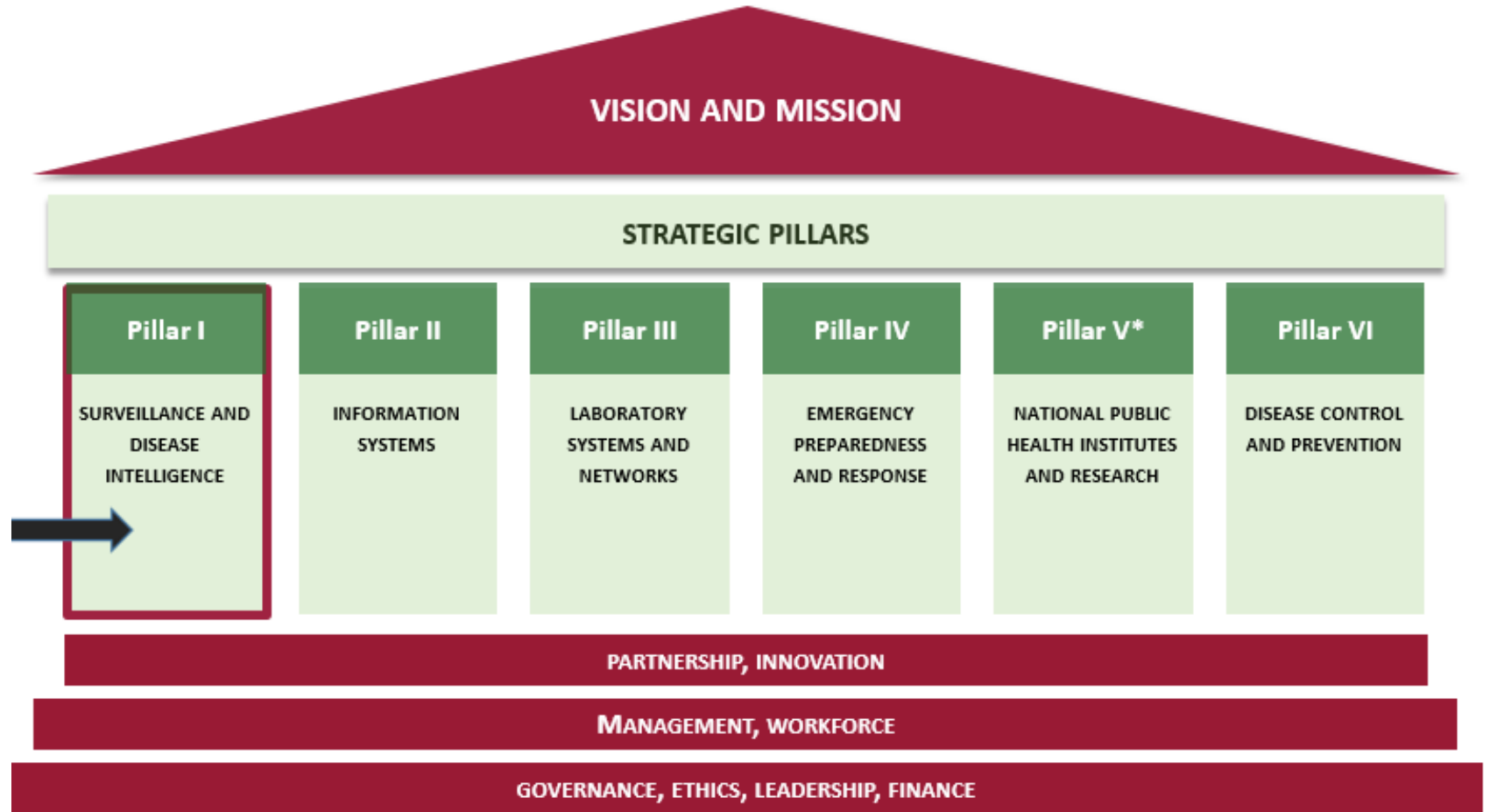
Africa CDC Operating Model

❖ The Surveillance and Disease Intelligence Division is one of the strategic pillars of the Africa CDC

Goal

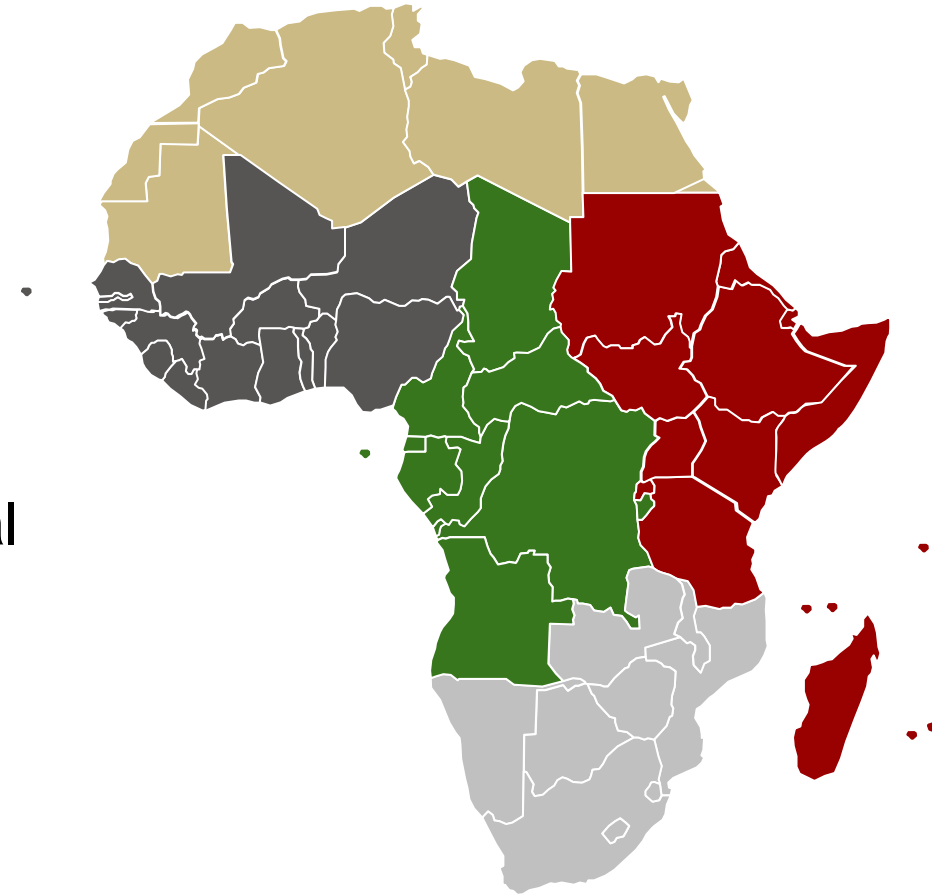
To strengthen public health surveillance systems for improved public health decision-making and action.

Cross border Surveillance Programme



Why Cross border Surveillance?

- ❑ Diseases know no borders.
- ❑ There is potential for rapid spread across geographic spaces particularly in regions with:
 - similar epidemiological profiles
 - socio economic drivers
 - frequent movements of people or animal carriers
- ❑ In recent years, emergence and re-emergence of infectious diseases combined with booming international trade and air travel have greatly increased disease transmission risk across borders.
- ❑ There is a global drive for all countries to strengthen mechanisms for effective cross-border surveillance and response.



Africa CDC Cross Border Surveillance & Information Sharing Initiatives

Member State Capacity Building

❑ **Supporting Member States in Strengthening Cross-border Surveillance Information Sharing**

- ❖ Support to Port Health in the MS
- ❖ Support to SADC Member States in the development of an SOP and MOU for cross border information sharing & activating of existing Border Health zones/ Committees-
On going
- ❖ Enhancing of Cross Border Surveillance Information Sharing Mechanisms in the Member States
- ❖ Cross-border coordination during Public Health Emergencies or outbreaks (EOC, IMS, EMS and HIE among others)

❑ **Capacity Building (Trainings) on Enhanced Surveillance at PoEs, especially during Public Health Emergencies**

- ❖ Held different PoE Trainings for COVID-19
- ❖ Participated in EAC field simulation exercise
- ❖ Developed the Enhanced Surveillance Guidelines for Ebola Sudan Virus Disease in 2022

2022 Sudan Ebola Disease Response in Uganda

- ❑ Integrated, Coordinated, Regional Response to the Outbreak
 - Timely and Coordinated Cross border Information sharing
 - Cross-border joint planning and implementation of EVD preparedness and response activities
- ❑ Enhanced Surveillance for EVD Guidelines at PoE, Community & Facilities:
 - Review workshop held 05-07 December 2022



African Health Ministers Take Steps to Curb the Spread of the Ebola Disease Outbreak



Continental Cross border surveillance Implementation strategy

❑ Held Continental Consultation Meeting on Cross Border Surveillance, Coordination, collaboration and Information Sharing:

- Ms, RECs, Technical Partners
- A draft road map developed
- Road map finalised and implementation starting 2023



Continental Draft Road map for Cross border surveillance

Goal

- ❑ To strengthen health system security and border health on the African continent **and** ensure linkages with existing national disease surveillance systems

Over all objective.

- ❑ Strengthening of Cross border surveillance Coordination and Information sharing among African Union Member States.

Strategic Areas of Collaboration

- ❑ Information sharing/Communication (Formal and informal)
- ❑ Strengthening Coordination and Collaboration
- ❑ Workforce development
- ❑ Capacity building e.g. infrastructure, health services
- ❑ Synergy and Interoperability across surveillance systems



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