

Regional Training Seminar for WOAH National Focal Points for Veterinary Laboratories (cycle III)

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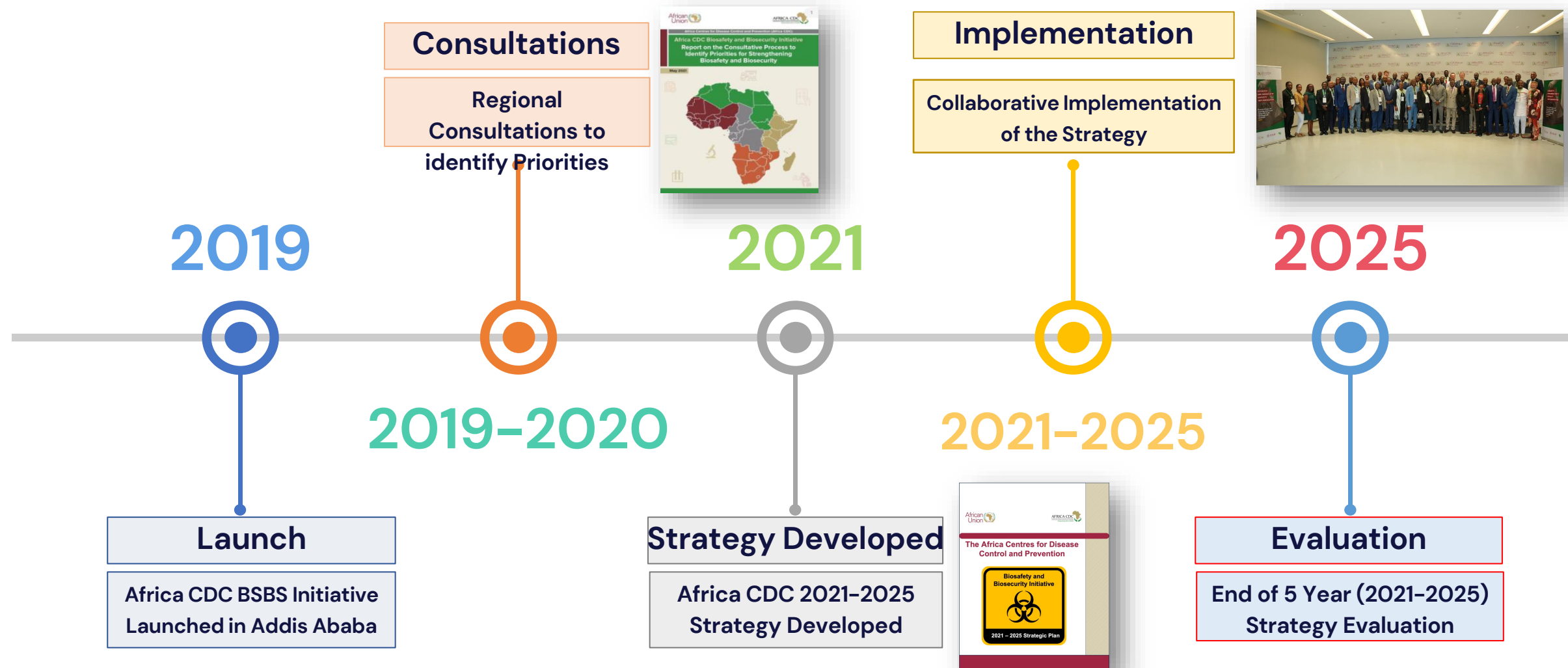
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Since Inception



2021 – 2025 Strategic Plan Priority Areas

GOAL: To strengthen the biosecurity and biosafety systems of African Union Member States to comply with international regulations including the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005), Biological Weapons Convention (BWC), and United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1540 and the GHSA action packages (APP3)

Develop a
Biosafety and
Biosecurity Legal
Framework for the
Africa Region

1

Establish
Regional and
Continental
Biosafety and
Biosecurity TWG
to coordinate
and monitor
implementation

2

Establish a
Regional Training
and Certification
Program for
Biosafety and
Biosecurity Experts

3

Establish a
regulatory and
certification
framework for
institutions
handling high
risk pathogens

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Strengthen NPHI
and NRL capacities
to prevent, detect
and respond to
Events of public
health concern in
each MS

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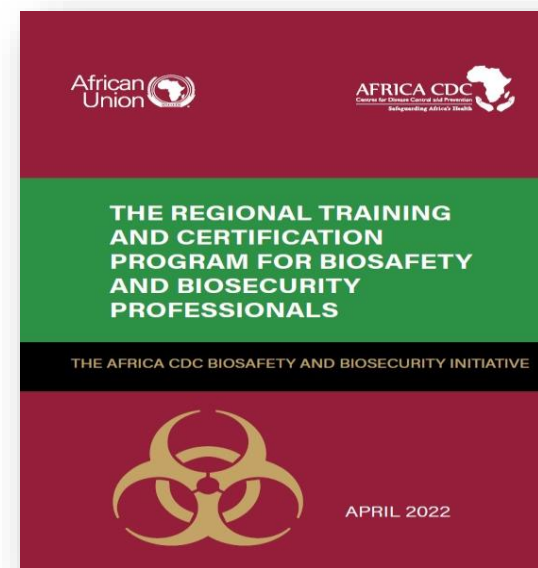
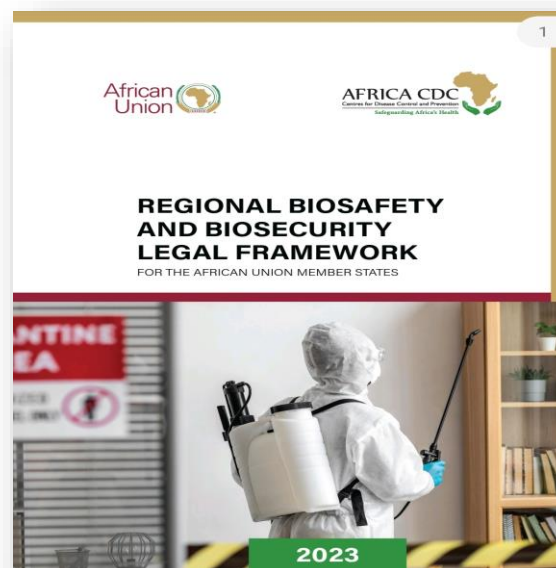
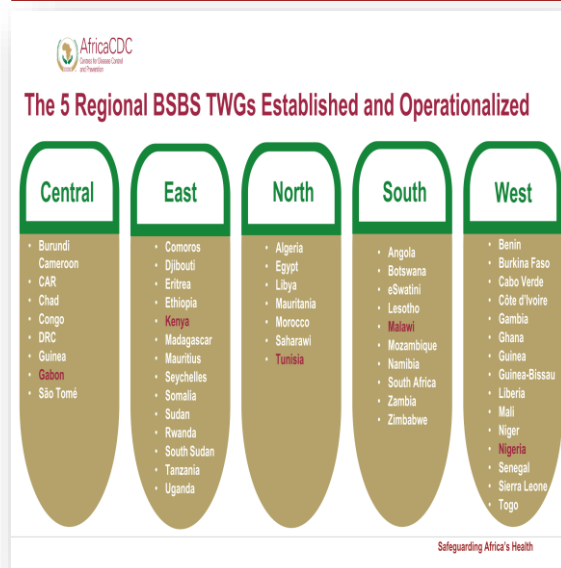
2021 – 2025 Key Milestones

Five Regional BSBS
TWGs Established and
Operationalised in Africa

B Legal Framework
Approved &
Domestication done in
7 Countries

3 Centres of Excellence
Operationalised and
315+ BSBS
Professionals Certified

Framework
Domestication in
Progress and 4
Institutions Certified

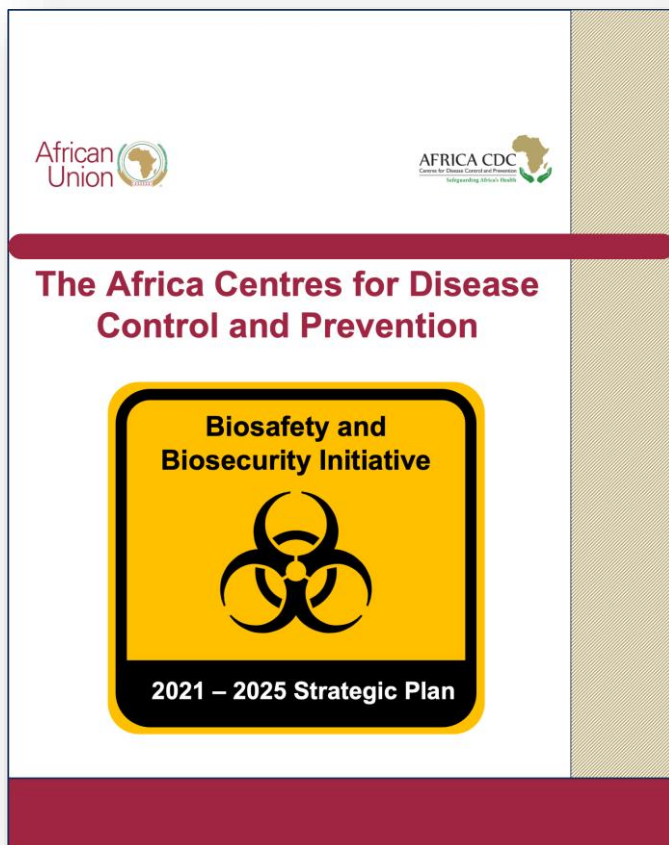


Establish Regional Guidance and Architecture for National BSBS Capacity Building

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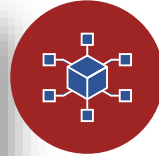
2021 – 2025 Strategic Plan Review



Key Conclusions

- Africa CDC played a central strategic role, but effectiveness varied by region and was heavily influenced by staffing, funding, and coordination dynamics;
- Legal domestication lagged behind other areas, despite strong regional framework;
- Training and certification were widely appreciated, but post-training support and institutional integration were inconsistent;
- Facility-level improvements and risk management procedures were triggered, particularly through assessments and certification efforts;
- Sustainability remains the largest unresolved challenge, particularly for countries without national strategies, budgets, or policy integration.

End-of-Phase I Review



- The critical role of the Africa CDC in providing strategic coordination, fostering partnerships, and co-developing solutions with Member States.
- Increased awareness of BSBS across the continent, although further advocacy is needed to engage leadership and decision-makers.
- Continued reliance on external partners for funding BSBS capacity strengthening remains a challenge to program sustainability.
- National Coordination and Implementation structures are best suited for contextualizing regional approaches and are more sustainable.

End-of-Phase I Review



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