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## **Commissioning of the KEMRI Sample Management and Receiving Facility**

**NAIROBI, Tuesday, June 26, 2018** – U.S. Department of Defense Threat Reduction Agency Cooperative Threat Reduction Director Dr. Robert Pope and the Cabinet Secretary of Health, Sicily Kariuki will officially commission the KEMRI Sample Management and Receiving Facility (SMRF) building on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 4pm at the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) Headquarters.

Cabinet Secretaries for Internal Security, Hon. Fred Matiangi, Defense, Hon. Rachael Omamo are among senior Kenya and U.S. Government officials invited to the event that will also involve commissioning of two connector multi-purpose buildings located at KEMRI under the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)/Cooperative Biological Engagement Program (CBEP) Collaborative Project.

**Press Opportunity:** Interested journalists must RSVP to the U.S. Embassy's Press Office [usembassykenya@state.gov](mailto:usembassykenya@state.gov) by 2:00 PM on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. RSVPs must include the following information:

- Full Name as it appears on National ID or Passport
- Media Outlet Represented (Please specify if you are a freelancer)
- Press Credential Number

Journalists/media should plan to arrive at the event at least 30 minutes before commencement of activities.

**Background:** The U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)/Cooperative Biological Engagement Program (CBEP) is a collaborative project between the Government of the United States of America (USG) and the Government of the Republic of Kenya (GOK) that focuses on Cooperation in Threat Reduction Biological Engagement Programs.

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