

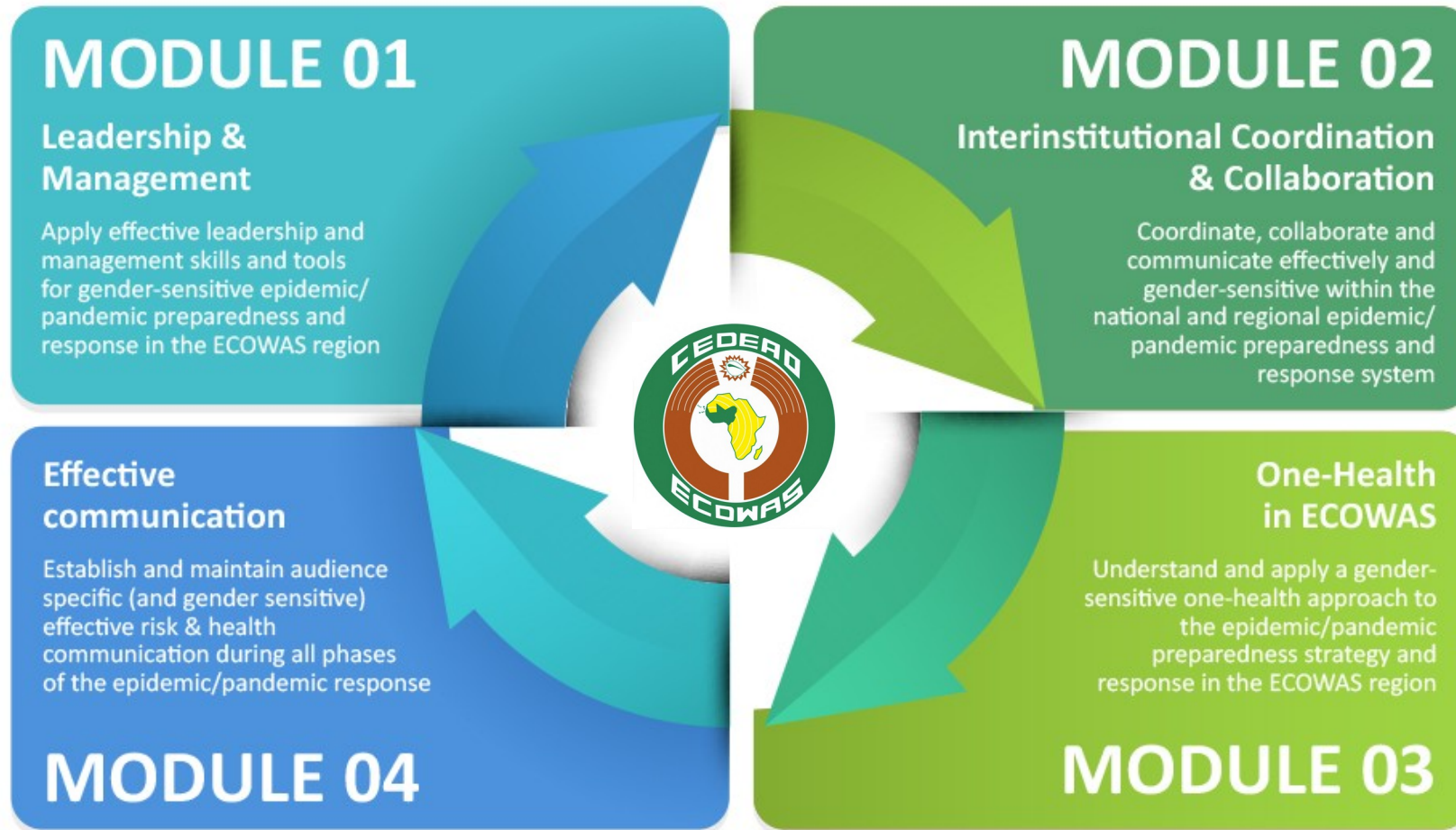


The ECOWAS One Health Leadership Course

Unlocking Regional Health Resilience



4 modules integrating factual knowledge with leadership skills



> TARGET PARTICIPANTS

- National level public health and healthcare professionals responsible for the prevention, control, and response to disease outbreaks in the region
 - National environmental and animal health professionals
 - Relevant regional (ECOWAS) and national institutions, organizations, and agencies involved in health emergency response
- ## > OVERALL COURSE GOAL

- ECOWAS regional and national one-health strategic and tactical level staff acquire new leadership and management skills and effectively collaborate, coordinate, and communicate for a seamless regional gender-sensitive preparedness and response to epidemics and pandemics based on a one-health approach

Interactivity and collective wisdom

Across multiple cohorts delivered in Benin and Ghana over the past several years, participants have unanimously praised the course content and delivery, recommending it enthusiastically to their colleagues. They have consistently found the content and teaching well-aligned with their professional experience and level, agreeing that the course is perfectly tailored to the needs of the ECOWAS region.

Designed to champion a regional approach to epidemic and pandemic preparedness, the course is tailored for ECOWAS and its specialized agencies.

Considering the interdependency of human health, animal health, and the environment, it's essential to join forces to collectively tackle diseases and epidemics.

- *At its heart lies interactivity, blending theory with the collective wisdom of participants to nurture a robust regional community of practice.*
- *More than just a training program, this initiative fosters a network capable of swift, coordinated action across sectors and borders during outbreaks and pandemics.*
- *Its core objective? To elevate the health standards through policy harmonization, resource pooling, and strategic cooperation.*



Course Programme

10-day program with an excursion relevant to One Health

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week I	Course Opening & Leadership - Welcome & official opening - M0: Course overview & expectations - M1 Session 1–2: Management & Leadership - M1 Pre-test	Leadership - M1 Session 3: Communication in leadership - M1 Session 4: Working with teams - M1 Session 5: Gender & diversity - M1 Post-test	One Health - M2 Pre-test - M2 Session 1: One Health concepts - M2 Session 2: Regional & national OH platforms - Exercise: Rift Valley Fever	One Health - M2 Session 3: Systems thinking - M2 Session 4: ECOWAS One Health strategies - Exercise: Ebola	Excursion Field excursion applying One Health concepts
Week II	One Health / IICC - M2 Session 5: Policies & work plans - Exercise: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza - M3 Pre-test - M3 Session 1: IICC in ECOWAS - M3 Session 2: WAHO OH architecture	Communication - M3 Session 3–4: Data & information sharing - M2/M3 Post-test - M4 Pre-test - M4 Session 1: RCCE fundamentals	Communication - M4 Session 2: Risk communication planning - M4 Session 3: Challenges of health risk comms - M4 Session 4: Building trust	Communication - M4 Session 6: Infodemic management - M4 Session 7: Crisis communication planning - M4 Post-test	Evaluation & Closure - Simulation exercise & plenary - Course evaluation - Official closing

Each day also includes coffee/tea breaks and a lunch break (not shown)

Transformative leadership

The ECOWAS One Health Leadership Flagship Course is offered at the renowned

Cultivating leaders who can spearhead this and acquire the requisite knowledge is paramount for effective One Health implementation in our West African subregion.

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Delivered in English in Ghana and French in Benin, the dynamic program ensures accessibility across language barriers.

Led by experienced lecturers, the course promises a one-of-a-kind learning journey, enriched by their wealth of expertise.



COURSE VENUE: School of Public Health,
University of Ghana (Non-residential)

DATE: 21 September-03 October 2026 (10 Days)

COURSE FEES: 16,000 Cedis/participant
(includes course materials, feeding & certificate)

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