



Report to the GAVI Alliance Board

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Subject:	Extra nominations from the Governance Committee
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Agenda item:	12a (additional nominations)
Strategic goal:	Alliance operations

Section A: Overview

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The report informs the Board of the Governance Committee's recommendations for Board and committee membership, including nominations received this week.
- 1.2 Assuming the Board appoints all persons that have been presented to the Governance Committee this year, the Board would comply with the gender balance guidelines for Board alternates.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Governance Committee recommended the following persons for appointment to the Board:
 - (a) **Alan Hinman** as Board Member representing civil society organisations in the seat currently occupied by Faruque Ahmed effective immediately and until 31 July 2013.
 - (b) **Joan Awunyo-Akaba** as Alternate Board Member to Alan Hinman representing civil society organisations in the seat currently occupied by Alan Hinman effective immediately and until 31 July 2013.
 - (c) **Nila Heredia Miranda** as Alternate Board Member to Guillermo José González representing developing country governments effective immediately and until 31 December 2012.
- 2.2 The Governance Committee recommended the following persons for appointment to committees:

- (a) **Geeta Rao Gupta** as a member of the Executive Committee in the seat currently occupied by Saad Houry effective immediately and until 31 December 2011. (This recommendation replaces the recommendation in section 2.4(c) in the original paper.)

3. Executive summary

- 3.1 The Governance Committee received biographies of the above listed candidates. Those biographies are listed in section C of this report.

4. Next steps

- 4.1 No further steps are required.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 The Board is asked to consider these recommendations.

Section B: Implications

6. Impact on countries

- 6.1 There is no direct impact.

7. Impact on the Business Plan / Budget / Programme Financing

- 7.1 There is no direct impact.

8. Risk implications and mitigations

- 8.1 There is capacity risk for the Board if recommended candidates are not appointed and empty seats are not quickly filled after terms expire.

9. Legal and governance implications

- 9.1 There are no legal or governance implications other than those already highlighted in section 3 of the original paper.

10. Consultation

- 10.1 A Developing Country Government Board Member nominates a candidate for his/her alternate in accordance with his/her constituency process.
- 10.2 The CSO steering committee nominates candidates for the CSO Board seat and alternate seat.

11. Gender equality implications

- 11.1 The following section updates the metrics provided in the original Doc 12a:
- 11.2 The Board currently has 23 members (including the non-voting interim CEO):
 - (a) 18 members are men (78%), 5 are women (22%).
 - (b) Should the Board appoint all persons that have presented to the Governance Committee this year, the Board would have 24 members and the new composition would be 17 men (71%), 7 women (29%).
- 11.3 The Board currently has 16 Alternate Board Members:
 - (a) 11 alternates are men (69%), 5 are women (31%)
 - (b) Should the Board appoint all persons that have presented to the Governance Committee this year, the Board would come into compliance with the gender balance guidelines on the Board alternates side as there would be 17 total alternate members, of which 10 are men (59%), and 7 are women (41%). The guidelines set a target range of 60-40.

12. Implications for the Secretariat

- 12.1 There are no implications on the Secretariat.

Section C: Profiles (listed by constituency)

13. Civil Society Organisations

- 13.1 **Alan Hinman** is currently the alternate board member representing Civil Society Organisations. Dr Hinman serves as Senior Public Health Scientist at The Task Force for Child Survival and Development. In addition, Dr Hinman is an Adjunct Professor at the Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University (Departments of Epidemiology and International Health). Prior to these appointments, Dr Hinman served for an extended period in the US Public Health Service/CDC and retired with the rank of Assistant Surgeon General. Dr Hinman holds a bachelor's degree from Cornell University, a masters' degree in public health from Harvard University and a medical degree from Western Reserve University.
- 13.2 **Joan Awunyo-Akaba** has a PhD in medical sociology from the University of Ghana Legon (2007). She is a community health development consultant; Founder and Executive Director of Future Generations International (FUGI), a Ghanaian based NGO on health promotion and development; and an expert in childhood immunisation advocacy; behaviour change communication; and water, sanitation, and hygiene. A registered nurse, she is involved in civil society organisational activities, and is currently the National Vice Chairperson of the Ghana Coalition of NGOs in Health. Joan also represents the national Health Coalition on the Ghana Health Services' GAVI Consortium that assesses the eligibility and involvement of CSOs in immunisation and health systems strengthening; and is presently advocating for the establishment of a National Innovative Fund for Childhood Immunization that would ensure the sustainability of the EPI in Ghana when GAVI support ends.

14. Developing country governments

- 14.1 **Nila Heredia Miranda**, is Minister of Health and Sport of Bolivia. Dr Heredia was born in Uyuni (Potosí) and studied medicine at the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés. She is a doctor specialising in community health. In the 1970s, she was with the Revolutionary Party of Workers of Bolivia (PRT-B) and the National Liberation Army (ELN). After several years in Peru, she returned to Bolivia and performed human rights work. She served as Vice Rector of the Universidad Mayor de San Andres, President of the Medical College Department of La Paz, and Director of the Departmental Health Service (SITES).

15. UNICEF

- 15.1 **Geeta Rao Gupta** is UNICEF's Deputy Executive Director. Previously, she was a Senior Fellow at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation where she advised the president and leadership of the Global Development Program on their strategies and offered insight on managing projects to achieve the greatest impact. Prior to joining the foundation, Dr. Rao Gupta was president of the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW), a position she assumed in 1997 after serving in a variety of roles including consultant, researcher and officer. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including Harvard University's 2006 Anne Roe Award and the 2007 Washington Business Journal's —Women Who Mean Business Award. Dr. Rao Gupta has her bachelor's, master's, and master of philosophy degrees in psychology from the University of Delhi, and a doctorate in philosophy from Bangalore University in India.