



## ADVANCE MARKET COMMITMENTS FOR VACCINES INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Secretariat of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, in its role as the Advance Market Commitment (AMC) Secretariat, is seeking an additional member to complement the skill sets of the current Independent Assessment Committee (IAC) in the following areas of expertise:

- **Clinical performance and delivery systems:** extensive developing country experience in relation to paediatric vaccine delivery, including logistic and operational issues, new vaccine introduction decision-making, programmatic planning and impact monitoring.
- **Vaccine business development:** background in industrial scale vaccine production, financing, scale up, technology transfer, presentation and packaging.

### Overview

AMCs are a new innovative approach to public health funding addressing the uncertainty of vaccine demand and market size in developing countries.

Following the decision by the governments of the United Kingdom, Italy, Russia, Norway, Canada and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to provide US\$ 1.5 billion, a pilot AMC was implemented for pneumococcal vaccines. The Pneumococcal AMC pilot will save lives by accelerating uptake of adequate pneumococcal vaccines. According to project figures, more than 114 million children were vaccinated thanks to AMC support by the end of 2016.

You can read more about the Pneumococcal AMC pilot and its impact by visiting the Gavi website:

[www.gavi.org/funding/pneumococcal-amc/](http://www.gavi.org/funding/pneumococcal-amc/)

### IAC membership

The IAC is the cornerstone of the AMC with the mandate to oversee core parts of the process. The IAC will review and approve the minimum technical requirements for candidate vaccines, monitor AMC progress and assess candidate vaccines. IAC decisions will determine whether a given vaccine is eligible or not for AMC support.

IAC members, who will serve in a personal capacity, will be appointed to serve for an initial term of up to six years. The appointment can be renewed once. Members will not receive a salary, but expenses will be covered by the AMC Secretariat. The IAC will normally meet once a year in Geneva and/or via teleconference. Meetings will take place in English without interpretation. All candidates should therefore be fluent in English.

In addition, the Gavi Secretariat is developing a pool of candidates to take up their positions in the near future. We are looking for applicants that demonstrate expertise in one or more of the following subject areas:

- **Vaccine industry economics:** applicants must have a background in industrial organisation with specific knowledge of vaccine markets and vaccine R&D cost structure. Good knowledge of conjugate vaccines is requested; knowledge of the pneumococcal conjugate vaccines' market and cost structure is an asset.
- **Contract law:** a legal background with experience in vaccine research and/or supply agreements. An understanding of manufacturing and distribution processes.
- **Public health:** broad background in child health in developing countries, experience in assessing longitudinal health and demographic data, sound understanding of developing country health systems and barriers to intervention delivery, experience with intervention impact assessment.
- **Public/private finance:** experience incorporate finance, forecasting, budgeting and costing. Good understanding of cost allocation and cost inflation in the vaccine industry.
- **Health economics:** broad expertise in health economics including cost-effectiveness studies.

### HOW TO APPLY

If you would like to nominate a strong candidate to serve as a member of the Committee, please send a detailed **curriculum vitae along with a motivation letter and a letter of reference** to the **IAC Selection Panel** at [IAC@gavi.org](mailto:IAC@gavi.org). Nominations will be accepted **until 30 July 2017**.