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Update on the Decade of Vaccines

1. Introduction

1.1 At the 2010 World Economic Forum, Bill and Melinda Gates called for the next decade to be the "Decade of Vaccines" (DoV). With this call to action, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation committed US$ 10 billon to support the vaccine and immunization efforts over the next ten years.

1.2 Dr. Margaret Chan, Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO) and Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director of UNICEF, have pledged their personal and institutional commitment to the DoV. Renowned leaders, including Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), and Ms. Joy Phumaphi are also lending their expertise and leadership.

1.3 The DoV is a vision for using the next ten years to achieve immunization goals and key milestones in the discovery, development and delivery of lifesaving vaccines, with a focus on children and the poor.

1.4 Achieving this vision will require increased funding, support and active participation of stakeholders across every sector to help define and execute a comprehensive effort to improve and save lives through vaccines.

2. Decade of Vaccines Collaboration

2.1 The Decade of Vaccines Collaboration, a time-limited consultation process, will define the DoV vision and develop a Global Vaccine Action Plan to realize this vision. By building on the successes of current immunisation efforts, the Global Vaccine Action Plan will support greater coordination across all stakeholder groups and identify critical policy, resource and other gaps that must be addressed to realise the life-saving potential of vaccines in this decade and beyond.

2.2 The DoV Collaboration consultation process will engage four Working Groups:

2.2.1 Delivery Working Group: will focus on how to expand the reach of delivery programs to ensure that all populations at risk, particularly children, benefit from the protection that vaccines can afford;

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2.2.2 Research and Development (R&D) Working Group: will look at how to strengthen the vaccine discovery and development pipeline to harness cutting edge science for new vaccine solutions and associated technologies, as well as accelerate the development and approval of affordable "second-generation" vaccines;

2.2.3 Global Access Working Group: will explore a variety of strategies to ensure global access to sufficient supplies of highly affordable quality vaccines, to meet the growing demand of enhanced delivery systems and emerging markets; and

2.2.4 Public Support Working Group: will focus on how to strengthen public support for vaccine use and financing, and mobilise broad constituencies for a significant and sustained increase in vaccine funding in all nations.

3. The Decade of Vaccines Collaboration Structure

3.1 The DoV Collaboration structure includes:

3.1.1 A Leadership Council: to provide oversight for the planning effort;

3.1.2 A Steering Committee: whose primary responsibility is to develop the DoV vision and the Global Vaccine Action Plan;

3.1.3 An International Advisory Committee: to assist the Leadership Council to evaluate the DoV Collaboration deliverables; and

3.1.4 A small Secretariat: to facilitate the DoV Collaboration process and to provide administrative support.

3.2 Leadership Council Members include:

3.2.1 Dr. Margaret Chan, Director General, WHO;

3.2.2 Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director, NIAID;

3.2.3 Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF;

3.2.4 Ms. Joy Phumaphi, Chair of the DoV Collaboration International Advisory Committee and Executive Secretary, African Leaders Malaria Alliance; and
3.2.5 Dr. Tachi Yamada, President of Global Health, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

3.3 The Steering Committee will coordinate the compilation and integration of the information arising from the Working Groups into a cross-disciplinary framework for action and ensure alignment with the DoV vision and objectives.

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3.4 The Steering Committee and the International Advisory Committee are currently being appointed.

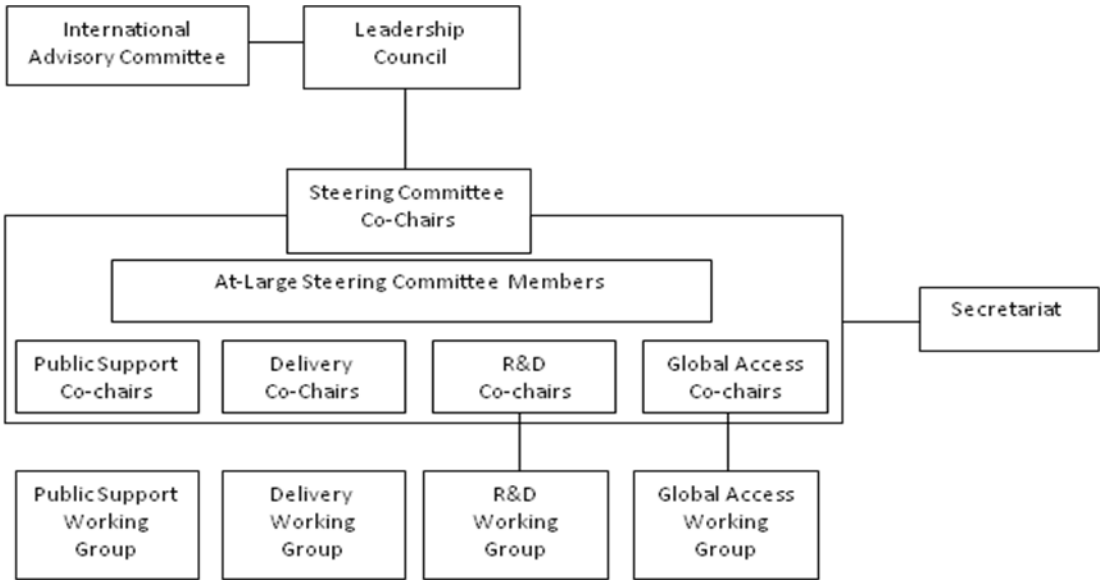
3.5 Ms. Joy Phumaphi will serve as Chair of the International Advisory Committee.

3.6 The eight Working Group co-chairs will be responsible for developing the consultation process for their respective Working Groups and identifying Working Group members and participants.

3.7 Prof. Pedro Alonso, Director of the Institute for Global Health of Barcelona (ISGlobal), and Dr. Christopher Elias, President and CEO of PATH, have been appointed by the Leadership Council to serve as co-chairs of the DoV Collaboration Steering Committee and the Secretariat.

3.8 The DoV Collaboration Secretariat will be co-hosted by ISGlobal and PATH.

Figure 1: Structure of the Decade of Vaccines Collaboration



4. DoV Collaboration timeline

4.1 The DoV Collaboration expects to complete its work by mid-2012 when it presents the Global Vaccine Action Plan to the Leadership Council. The DoV Collaboration will then be considered completed.

5. Contact information for the DoV Collaboration

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