

Gavi Alliance Board Meeting

6 October 2025

Virtual Meeting

1. Chair's Introduction

1.1 Noting that the meeting had been duly convened and finding a quorum of members present, the meeting commenced at 14.00 Geneva time on 6 October 2025. Prof José Manuel Barroso, Board Chair, chaired the meeting.

2. Appointment of Board Chair

2.1 José Manuel Barroso, Board Chair, introduced this item and invited Omar Abdi, Vice Chair, to update the Board on the Board Chair search. Mr Abdi reminded the Board of the search process, thanking the Board Chair search committee members for their leadership and introducing Egon Zehnder to provide an overview of the process.

2.2 Egon Zehnder referenced materials shared with the Board earlier that day and which outlined the comprehensive and inclusive approach which had been taken by the Search Committee and supported by Egon Zehnder. It was noted that the Search Committee was highly engaged seeking suitable and qualified candidates from a diverse pool, ensuring representation of the Global South.

2.3 Egon Zehnder provided information in relation to the total number of individuals considered, those longlisted, shortlisted and interviewed.

2.4 The Vice Chair noted that both the Search Committee and the Governance Committee had unanimously supported this recommendation.

Discussion

- The Board Chair commended the individuals who led the search process and the confidential nature in which it was conducted.
- Board Chair Search Committee members noted that Ms Clark had demonstrated extraordinary motivation for the Gavi Alliance mission, a high energy and strong dedication to the work of the Alliance, and a deep understanding of the current global health environment context. It was also noted that her longstanding expertise in managing change would be valuable.
- The Board unanimously supported the recommendation to appoint Helen Clark's nomination.

- Board Members commended the Search Committee for its work and acknowledged the support provided by Egon Zehnder and the Director of Governance.
- The Board Chair noted that an onboarding plan would be developed and shared with the Board at a later date.

Decision One

The Gavi Alliance Board:

- a) **Appointed** Helen Clark as an Unaffiliated Board Member in the seat currently held by José Manuel Barroso, effective 1 January 2026 and until 31 December 2027; and
- b) **Appointed** Helen Clark as Chair of the Board with individual signatory authority on behalf of the Gavi Alliance, effective 1 January 2026 and until 31 December 2027.

3. Review of Decisions

- 3.1 Brenda Killen, Director, Governance and Secretary to the Board, reviewed and agreed the decisions with the Board.

4. Closing remarks

- 4.1 The Board Chair reported on the sunsetting of the Joint Alliance Working Group. He noted that Lusaka agenda workstreams continue and options in ways of working together are being assessed with an All-Chairs Group convening as a next step.
- 4.2 After determining there was no further business, the meeting was brought to a close.

Prof José Manuel Barroso
Chair of the Board

Ms Brenda Killen
Secretary to the Board

Attachment A

Participants

Board members

1. José Manuel Barroso, Chair
2. Omar Abdi, Vice Chair
3. Joan Benson (Alternate)
4. Awa Marie Coll-Seck
5. Mekdes Daba
6. Fleur Davies (Alternate)
7. Ana de Pro Gonzalo
8. Anna Halén
9. Mohamed Jama
10. Ruth Lawson
11. Bvdzai Magadzire
12. Brian Erazo Muñoz
13. Ryo Nakamura
14. Kate O'Brien (Alternate)
15. Saad Omer
16. Sai Prasad
17. Michael Kent Ranson (Alternate)
18. Alexandra Rudolph-Seeman
19. Anna Sedgley
20. Deena Shiff
21. Anne Schuchat
22. David Sidwell
23. Karen Sorensen
24. Onei Uetela (Alternate)
25. Tandin Wangchuk (Alternate)
26. Greg Widmyer
27. Dr Sania Nishtar (non-voting)

Alternates Observing

1. Soleh Ayubi
2. Cécile Billaux
3. Kristen Chenier
4. Frode Forland
5. Leone Gianturco
6. Susan Graves
7. Lena Nanushyan
8. Leila Pakkala
9. Onei Uetela
10. Rhoda Wanyenze

Regrets

1. Jeremy Farrar
2. Robert Lucien Kargougou
3. Mark Lloyd
4. George Laryea-Adjei (Alternate)
5. Kwabena Mintah Akando (Alternate)
6. Budi Gunadi Sadikin
7. Silvia Lutucuta (Alternate)
8. Yibing Wu

Additional Attendees

Violaine Mitchell, Former Gavi Board Member and Member of the Board Chair Search Committee
 Gaëlle Boix, Egon Zehnder