GLOBAL VACCINE SUMMIT 2020
Thursday 4 June 2020, 13:00 – 16:30 (UK time)

The Global Vaccine Summit marks twenty years since Gavi was founded. As the world grapples with COVID-19 it is natural to focus on what is unprecedented – the scale of the threat, its tragic impact on so many people, the economic disruption. But the crisis reminds us of some long-standing truths:

→ Vaccines are essential to protect health and wealth
→ Everyone needs to be protected, or no-one is protected
→ We move faster and further when we move together – and that’s why we need an Alliance

Leaders recognised these truths when they established Gavi and they recognise them today. The G20 recognised them when they called upon the world to accelerate development, manufacturing, and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, and to provide immediate resources to Gavi. The UK recognised them when they invited world leaders to this virtual Summit to raise at least $7.4bn for Gavi for 2021-25.

If the Summit succeeds, we will be able to maintain immunisation in developing countries, mitigating the impact of the pandemic; we will be able to sustain health systems so that countries are ready to rapidly introduce COVID-19 vaccines; and by 2025 we will have immunised more than 1.1 billion children, saving 22 million lives.

On 4 June we will look at progress since 2000, and how countries and front-line health workers are successfully addressing the crisis and maintaining essential vaccination services. Join us to celebrate the collective success of this great Alliance, to understand the challenges we face, and to commit funding – and to join the race to accelerate COVID-19 vaccines.

OPENING (13:00–13:25): Equal access for all – vaccines, a global public good

Opening addresses by
UK, Gavi and UN

Part I (13:25–14:20) Prevent: Reaching those who need it the most

Debate: Level the Vaccine Playing Field, Ensuring equitable access to Covid-19 vaccine

Appeal by H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister, Bangladesh

Pledging by leaders from Asia Pacific and the Middle East

The race for an ebola vaccine

Debate: Protecting routine immunisation during pandemics

Equal access – messages from the frontline

Part II (14:20–15:20) Protect: No-one is protected until all are protected

Appeal by H.E. Roch Marc Christian Kabore, President of Burkina Faso

Pledging by leaders from Europe

Vaccine commitments

Debate: Maintaining focus on zero-dose children and under-immunised communities

Vaccine Bonds – Investing in saving lives

A 21st century partnership – a message for Gavi


Debate: Innovate for Today, Build a Stronger Tomorrow

Vaccine commitments

Appeal by H.E. Sahle-Work Zewde, President of Ethiopia

Pledging by leaders from the Americas

CLOSING (15:50–16:30): Together we will achieve our common goals

· A global call to action
· Keynote by Bill Gates, Co-Chair of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
· ACT Vaccine Accelerator
· Keynote by Rt.Hon. Boris Johnson, Prime Minister of the UK
· Launch of COVID-19 vaccines AMC
· Closing address by Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Chair of the Gavi Board