MEDIA ADVISORY

GLOBAL VACCINE SUMMIT - PRESS CONFERENCE

- Register for the Global Vaccine Summit Press Conference – 17:00-17:45 (UK Time) – 18:00-18:45 (CEST)
- Global Vaccine Summit, hosted by the UK government, will take place Thursday 4 June - 13:00-16:30 (UK Time) – 14:00-17:30 (CEST)
- Follow live on www.gavi.org, Youtube, Twitter and Facebook

Geneva, 2 June 2020 – In just two days, the UK government will host the Global Vaccine Summit, Gavi’s third donor pledging conference to mobilise at least US$ 7.4 billion in additional resources to protect the next generation with vaccines, reduce disease inequality and create a healthier, safer and more prosperous world. It will be attended virtually by representatives from over 50 countries, including more than 25 Heads of State from G7, G20, and Gavi implementing countries.

Highlights expected include:

- Keynote addresses by Rt.Hon. Boris Johnson, Prime Minister of the UK and Bill Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Statements from Heads of State including H.E. Scott Morrison, Prime Minister of Australia; H.E. Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission; H.E. Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway; H.E. Simonetta Sommaruga, President of Switzerland and H.E Prime Minister Trudeau, Canada; H.E. Giuseppe Conte Prime Minister of Italy; Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan.
- High-Level speeches by Heads of State from Gavi-supported countries including H.E. Roch Marc Christian Kaboré, President of Burkina Faso; H.E. Sahle-Work Zewde, President of Ethiopia and H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh; H.E. Macky Sall, President of Senegal.
- Members of the Alliance will also be present: Dr Tedros Adhanom, Director General of the World Health Organization; Henrietta Fore, Executive Director of UNICEF and private sector CEOs, Dr Emma Walmsley, CEO, GlaxoSmithKline and Michael Froman, Vice-Chairman and President, Mastercard as well as representatives from civil society organisations.
- Closing address by Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Chair of the Gavi Board.
- During the Summit, health workers – at the frontline for all – will also tell their dramatic stories from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Dr Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi the Vaccine Alliance will provide insights on Gavi’s work in the next five years in the poorest countries of the world, including Gavi’s potential role in delivering COVID-19 vaccines.

To register for the Global Vaccine Summit Press Conference - 17:00-17:45 (UK Time) – 18:00-18:45 (CEST) of the Global Vaccine Summit and receive connecting details, send an email to media@gavi.org.

Speakers expected include:
The Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP, Secretary of State for International Development
Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Gavi Board Chair
H.E. Sahle-Work Zewde, President of Ethiopia
H.E. Katrín Jakobsdóttir, Prime Minister of Iceland
Joe Cerrell, BMGF Managing Director, Global Policy and Advocacy
Dr Seth Berkley, Gavi CEO

Find the Gavi press kit here

The Global Vaccine Summit will be livestreamed on Gavi’s website www.gavi.org, Youtube, Twitter and Facebook. A broadcast quality feed will also be available for live relay of the Global Vaccine Summit. The satellite details will be published here. The material will be available for download in broadcast, radio or social media ready quality here.

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About Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance is a public-private partnership that helps vaccinate half the world’s children against some of the world’s deadliest diseases. Since its inception in 2000, Gavi has helped to immunise a whole generation – over 760 million children – and prevented more than 13 million deaths, helping to halve child mortality in 73 developing countries. Gavi also plays a key role in improving global health security by supporting health systems as well as funding global stockpiles for Ebola, cholera, meningitis and yellow fever vaccines. After two decades of progress, Gavi is now focused on protecting the next generation and reaching the unvaccinated children still being left behind, employing innovative finance and the latest technology – from drones to biometrics – to save millions more lives, prevent outbreaks before they can spread and help countries on the road to self-sufficiency. Learn more at www.gavi.org and connect with us on Facebook and Twitter.

The Vaccine Alliance brings together developing country and donor governments, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the World Bank, the vaccine industry, technical agencies, civil society, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and other private sector partners. View the full list of donor governments and other leading organizations that fund Gavi’s work here.