8 December 2021

ACT Accelerator Facilitation Council
8th Council meeting

Virtual meeting, 9 December 2021, 12:30-15:00 (CET)

Primary Objectives

- **To take stock of progress** towards the global targets for access to COVID-19 tools & identify urgent political actions to accelerate their achievement
- To discuss steps Council members can take in **support of the new ACT-A Financing Framework,** in the run up to a possible pledging event in early 2022

Provisional agenda

12:30-12:50 **Opening remarks**

- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, WHO
- Cyril Ramaphosa, President, South Africa
- Jonas Gahr Støre, Prime Minister, Norway
- John Ryan, Director, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, EC

12:50-12.55 **Introduction, including updates on actions taken on the Strategic Review** *Chair:* Olive Shisana, President's Special Advisor on Social Policy, South Africa

12:55-13:20 **Accelerating progress to address COVID-19 equity gaps** *Chair:* Olive Shisana, President's Special Advisor on Social Policy, South Africa

- **Addressing global inequity in access to COVID-19 tools**, Gordon Brown, Former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and WHO Ambassador for Global Health Financing
- **Omicron update**, Mike Ryan, Executive Director, Emergencies Programme, WHO
- **Taking stock of ACT-A progress towards global targets**, Tracking and Accelerating Progress Working Group Co-Chair, Loyce Pace, Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, USA

13:20-13:35 **Funding the ACT-Accelerator's new Strategic Plan – to end the acute phase of the pandemic** *Chair:* John-Arne Røttingen, Ambassador for Global Health, Norway

- **Case for investing in the ACT-Accelerator in 2022**, video
- **The investment case for COVID-19 tools: a global economic imperative**, Gita Gopinath, Chief Economist, IMF
- **Financing the ACT-A: a proposed framework from the Council Finance/RM Working Group**, John-Arne Røttingen, Working Group Chair

13:35-14.50 **Council & Principals Discussion** *Chair:* John-Arne Røttingen, Ambassador for Global Health, Norway

Guiding Questions:

- What are the most urgent political actions which need to be taken to meet the global targets?
- What role can Council members play to encourage the financing of the ACT-Accelerator's Strategic Plan, including in the run up to a possible pledging event in early 2022?

14:50-15:00 **Closing remarks**, Council Co-Chairs