5th ACT Accelerator Facilitation Council meeting

Livestreamed virtual meeting, 23 March 2021, 12:30 – 15:00 (CET)

Co-hosts: Dr Tedros, Director General, WHO & Ms Stella Kyriakides, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, European Commission

Co-Chairs: Dr Zweli Mkhize, Minister of Health, South Africa & Mr Dag Ulstein, Minister of International Development, Norway

Primary Objectives:

- To share perspectives on challenges to the scale up of, and access to, COVID-19 diagnostic tests and therapeutic courses, and identify concrete ways to address them
- To outline current challenges to stabilize and increase the supply of COVID-19 vaccines to COVAX in the near term, and crucial steps to improve this situation

5th Council meeting, Draft Provisional Agenda

Opening (10 min)	
12h30 – 12h40	**Welcome and orientation to programme & objectives** • Co-Chairs & Co-hosts opening remarks
Achieving our ACT-A diagnostics and therapeutics goals for 2021: what's holding us back? (60 min) **Chair:** Dr Zweli Mkhize, Minister of Health, South Africa	

12h40 – 13h40	**Objective:** To understand the key challenges countries face in scaling up their roll-out of diagnostic tests & current therapies (esp. corticosteroids and oxygen)
	
	• **Facilitator:** Sir Jeremy Farrar
	• Interactive panel (20 min):
	  • Dr Diana Atwine, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health Uganda
	  • Dr Sidney Yee, CEO, DXD Hub, Singapore
	  • Dr Chikwe Ihekweazu, DG, CDC, Nigeria
	  • Mr Robert Matiru, Director, Programme Division, Unitaid
	• Council Discussion (38 min)
	• Chair's closing remarks (2 min)

Where do we have to focus to rapidly scale up vaccine supply to COVAX? (1h10 min) **Chair:** Mr Dag Ulstein, Minister of International Development, Norway	
13h40 – 14h50	**Objective:** To understand key interventions that could most rapidly increase vaccine supply to COVAX, including through scaled-up vaccine production. • **Facilitator:** Dr Ayoade Olatunbosun-Alakija • Interactive panel discussion (30 min):

	• Dr Soumya Swaminathan, Chief Scientist, WHO • Dr Richard Hatchett, CEO, CEPI • Dr John Nkengasong, Director, Africa CDC • Dr Renu Swarup, Secretary, Dpt. of Biotechnology, India • Dr Amadou Sall, CEO, Institute Pasteur, Senegal • Mr Charles Gore, Executive Director, Medicines Patent Pool • Dr Fifa Rahman, ACT-A CCSO rep • Council discussion, 38 min • Chair's closing remarks, 2 min	
Closing summary remarks and next steps (10 min)		
14h50 – 15h00	Meeting outcomes & next steps	• Minister Mkhize & Minister Ulstein

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