

Meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization

9-12 March 2026

**Hybrid Meeting
WHO HQ (Geneva)**

Day 1: Monday, 9 March 2026 (time is Central European Time (CET))			
Time CET	Session	Purpose of session, target outcomes and questions for SAGE	Duration
9:00	Closed SAGE meeting	Preparation of the sessions of the day.	1h 45 min.
10:45	Break	Break	15 min.
11:00	Opening and welcome – introduction of participants	K. O'BRIEN. Director IVB, WHO. 5 min. A. SCOTT. SAGE Chair. 5 min. A. WILDER-SMITH. SAGE Secretariat. WHO. 5 min.	15 min.
11:15	Global and regional reports – Session 1	FOR INFORMATION Report from the Director of IVB, K. O'BRIEN. WHO. 20 min. Update from Gavi, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. 10 min. Discussion. 40 min.	1h 15 min.
12:30	Lunch Break	Break	1h
13:30	Global and regional reports – Session 1 continued: Regional reports	FOR DISCUSSION Presentations from AFRO, EMRO, EURO. 10 min. each. Discussion. 10 min. Presentations from PAHO, WPRO, SEARO. 10 min. each. Discussion. 30 min.	2h Each Regional report focuses on one theme of particular importance for the Region
15:30	Break	Break	15 min.
15:45	From midterm IA2030 review to Future of Immunization – Session 2	FOR DISCUSSION	1h 30 min.
17:15	End of day 1		

Day 2: Tuesday, 10 March 2026

Time CET	Session	Purpose of session, target outcomes and questions for SAGE	Duration
9:00	Closed SAGE meeting	Development of recommendations of day 1. Preparation of the sessions of the day. Other important discussion items.	1h 45 min.
10:45	Break	Break	15 min.
11:00	Vaccine Portfolio Optimisation and Prioritisation (VPOP) – Session 3	FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION	2h
13:00	Lunch Break	Break	1h
14:00	Typhoid – Session 4	FOR RECOMMENDATION	(3h 30 min. total) 2h
16:00	Break	Break	15 min.
16:45	Typhoid – Session 4 continued	FOR RECOMMENDATION	1h 30 min.
17:45	End of day 2		

Day 3: Wednesday, 11 March 2026

Time CET	Session	Purpose of session, target outcomes and questions for SAGE	Duration
9:00	Closed SAGE meeting	Development of recommendations of day 2. Preparation of the sessions of the day. Other important discussion items.	2h
11:00	Break	Break	15 min.
11:15	COVID-19– Session 6	FOR RECOMMENDATION	(4h 30 min. total) 1h 45 min.
13:00	Lunch Break	Break	1h
14:00	COVID-19– Session 6 continued	FOR RECOMMENDATION	2h min.
16:00	Break	Break	15 min.
16:15	COVID-19– Session 6 continued	FOR RECOMMENDATION	45 min.
17:00	End of the plenary meeting Day 3		

Day 4: Thursday, 12 March 2026

Time CET	Session	Purpose of session, target outcomes and questions for SAGE	Duration
9:00	Closed SAGE meeting	Development of recommendations of day 3. Preparation of the sessions of the day. Other important discussion items.	1h 45 min.
10:45	Break	Break	15 min.
11:00	Polio - Session 7	FOR RECOMMENDATION	2h
13:00	Closing		
13:10	End of the plenary meeting Day 4		
13:10	Break	Break	50 min.
14:00	Closed SAGE meeting	Development of recommendations of the day 4 morning session.	1h
15:00	Closed SAGE members only meeting	Closed meeting (RITAG Chairs, Regional advisors and SAGE secretariat)	1h
16:00	Closing (SAGE members and SAGE secretariat)	<i>Both meetings are in parallel</i>	30 min.
16:30	End of the SAGE meeting		