

Draft Agenda
Meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE)
13 - 15 April 2010
CCV/CICG, Geneva

Tuesday, 13 April 2010

Time	Session	Purpose of session, target outcomes and questions for SAGE	
09:00	Welcome - introduction		10mn
09:10	Report from IVB Director including status of implementation of recommendations Presentation: J.-M. Okwo-Bele, WHO, 20mn Discussion: 40mn	FOR INFORMATION	1hr
10:10	Report from the GAVI Alliance secretariat Presentation: N. Schwalbe, GAVI Alliance, 20mn Discussion: 30mn	FOR INFORMATION	50mn
11:00	Coffee/tea break	Break	30mn
11:30	Regional priorities, major policy and implementation issues: report from AFR, EMR and SEAR AFR Presentation: D. Nshimirimana, WHO, 20mn Discussion: 20mn EMR Presentation: N. Teleb, WHO, 20mn Discussion: 20mn	FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION	2hrs
12:50	Lunch	Break	1hr

13:50	Regional priorities, major policy and implementation issues, contd. SEAR Presentation: A. Thapa, WHO, 20mn Discussion: 20mn		
14:30	Impact of New Vaccine Introduction on Immunization and Health Systems Motivation for topic, management of expectations, D. Durrheim, SAGE member, 5mn Framework for research, methods and limitations of literature review. Preliminary findings, knowledge gaps and future research needs, E. Le Franc, University of the West Indies; L. Brenzel, The World Bank (unable to attend due to last minute cancellation); C. Mantel, WHO, 25mn Discussion: 60mn	FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION Guidance is sought from SAGE on the direction of further research efforts. The discussion will focus on reviewing the available evidence/lack of evidence and on the scope of future work - the impact of new vaccine introduction on the immunization system and/or on the broader health system - as well as on the main use of the results of this research. The WHO Health System Building Blocks are proposed as framework for this work.	1hr 30mn
16:00	Coffee/tea break	Break	30mn
16:30	Revision of prequalification procedure for vaccines Process for the revision of the WHO prequalification procedure, N. Dellepiane, WHO, 15mn Decision-making process for programmatic suitability of vaccines for prequalification, C. Nelson, Independent Consultant, USA, 15mn Discussion: 1hr	FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION Brief SAGE about WHO plans for revision of the vaccines prequalification procedure and the process to follow. Based on a proposal put forward to SAGE through a "white paper" get SAGE inputs and recommendations on the acceptability of such proposal or suggested amendments to it. Further to SAGE recommendations the "white paper" will be amended to reflect SAGE position and will be presented at the ad-hoc committee on vaccines prequalification meeting in April for endorsement.	1hr 30mn
18:00	Cocktail		

Wednesday, 14 April 2010

08:30	Pertussis vaccines Report from the pertussis Working Group: focus on recommendations on supplementary strategies and vaccine issues, E. Miller, Chair SAGE pertussis Working Group, 30mn Discussion: 1hr 30mn	FOR DECISION Provide updated recommendations on vaccine use (with a view to update the 2005 position paper). At its October 2009 meeting, SAGE concluded on the issue of pertussis control goals and surveillance and discussed the primary immunization schedule. SAGE will now be asked to review recommendations from the Working Group with respect to vaccine issues (such as comparative evaluation of aP and wP and supplementary immunization activities). It is hoped that the session will result in a complete set of recommendations and instructions for the Secretariat to update the pertussis vaccine position paper. <i>Scheduled publication date for the position paper is 1 October 2010.</i>	2hrs
10:30	Coffee/tea break	Break	30mn
11:00	Reports from other Advisory Committees in Immunization Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS) report of December 2009 meeting, P. Smith, Chair GACVS, 15mn Discussion: 15mn	FOR INFORMATION	30mn
11:30	HIV vaccine trial Report of results from the Thai RV144 trials, S. Rerks-Ngarm, MOH Thailand, 10mn Scientific plan to analyze the RV144 trial results and search for correlates of vaccine-induced protections, J. Kim, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, 10mn Ethical and regulatory implications of the Thai trial results for future HIV vaccine trials, H. Rees, SAGE member, 10mn Discussion: 50mn	FOR INFORMATION	1hr 20mn

12:50	Lunch	Break	1hr
13:50	<p>Influenza vaccines (seasonal, H1N1 and H5N1 related issues)</p> <p><i>Situation update</i></p> <p>Update on the epidemiology of influenza viruses (seasonal, H1N1, H5N1), A. Mounts, WHO, 15mn</p> <p>Update on the safety, immunogenicity and effectiveness of seasonal and A(H1N1) pandemic vaccines, D. Wood, WHO, 15mn</p> <p>Update on the global influenza vaccine capacity and on the status of the WHO pandemic vaccine deployment initiative, M.-P. Kieny, WHO, 10mn</p> <p>Global seasonal influenza disease burden and implementation of the 56.19 WHA resolution, N. Shindo, WHO, 10mn</p> <p>Discussion: 20mn</p>	<p>FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION</p> <p>Update on current SAGE recommendations on H1N1 pandemic vaccination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What is the experience to date on safety, immunogenicity and effectiveness of pandemic vaccines? – Where are the priority areas for A(H1N1) vaccination? – Are the priority groups identified in July 2009 still to be targeted by vaccination? – How many doses are needed for various populations to maximize public health benefit? 	3hrs
15:00	Coffee/tea break	Break	30mn
15:30	<p>Influenza vaccines (seasonal, H1N1 and H5N1 related issues), contd.</p> <p><i>A(H1N1) pandemic vaccine discussion and recommendation session</i></p> <p>Review of the SAGE recommendations on H1N1 pandemic vaccination, D. Salisbury, Chair SAGE H1N1 Working Group, 5mn</p> <p>Discussion: 25mn</p> <p>Summary of the February 2010 strain selection meeting, W. Zhang, WHO, 5mn</p> <p>Discussion: 15mn</p> <p><i>H5N1 vaccine discussion</i></p> <p>Presentation of the Work Plan proposed by the H5N1 Working Group to review the evidence and propose new recommendations to SAGE in November 2010, S. Chunsuttiwat, Chair SAGE H5N1 Working Group, 5mn</p> <p>Discussion: 25mn</p>	<p>FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION</p> <p>Recommendation on whether seasonal vaccine production should be interrupted as soon as a pandemic is declared in order to accelerate availability of pandemic vaccine.</p> <p>Recommendation on the formulation of seasonal Northern Hemisphere 2010/2011 vaccine and advice for use of monovalent A(H1N1) versus trivalent vaccine.</p> <p>Agreement on plan to be proposed by SAGE Working Group to review 2009 H5N1 vaccine recommendations. Questions proposed for review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Is the establishment of a WHO stockpile of H5N1 vaccine still warranted? – What are the proposed uses for the WHO stockpile, and what size should the stockpile have? – Which populations, if any, should be 	

	<i>Seasonal vaccine discussion</i> Presentation of the Secretariat plan to update the WHO position paper on seasonal influenza vaccines, P. Duclos, WHO, 10mn Discussion: 20mn	vaccinated with H5N1 vaccine in the inter-pandemic period? Discuss the need to update the position paper on seasonal influenza vaccines and possible timelines.	
17:20	End of meeting		

Thursday, 15 April 2010

08:30	GRADing and review of evidence Report from the SAGE discussion group on GRADing of evidence, D. Durrheim, SAGE member, 15mn Discussion: 45mn	FOR DISCUSSION Update SAGE on the discussions of the group and proposed way forward. Solicit SAGE's agreement on the direction taken by the group and on the way forward.	1hr
09:30	Polio eradication Update on the epidemiology of polio virus and current risks to strategy implementation, S. Cochi, Chair ACPE, 10mn The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) Strategic Plan 2010-2012, B. Aylward, WHO, 20mn Plan for monitoring the GPEI Strategic Plan, R. Linkins, CDC, 10mn Discussion: 40mn	FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION Update SAGE on the current epidemiological situation of polio and risks. Seek SAGE comments on the new GPEI Strategic Plan 2010-12. Request SAGE concurrence with the proposed monitoring plan for the Strategic Plan milestones.	2hrs 30mn
10:50	Coffee/tea break	Break	30mn
11:20	Polio eradication, contd. Update on the draft WHO position paper on routine polio vaccination, L. Miller, Chair SAGE polio Working Group, 20mn Discussion: 50mn	FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION Review the proposed recommendations from the draft polio vaccine position paper. <i>Scheduled publication date for the position paper is 4 June 2010.</i>	
12:30	Closing		30mn
13:00	End of meeting		