



**Agenda**  
**Meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE)**  
**6 – 8 November 2012**  
**CCV/CICG, Geneva**

**Tuesday, 6 November 2012**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Purpose of session, target outcomes and questions for SAGE</b>	
9:00	<b>Welcome - introduction</b>  H. Rees, Chair of SAGE		20 min.
9:20	<b>Report from Director, IVB - Session 1</b>  Global report including key updates and challenges from regions, J.-M. Okwo-Bele, WHO, 30 min.  Discussion: 1h 30 min.	<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>	2h
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>30 min.</b>
11:00	<b>Report from Director, IVB - Session 1, (Contd.)</b>		
11:50	<b>Report from GAVI - Session 2</b>  Report from the GAVI Alliance, S. Berkley, GAVI Alliance, 20 min.  Discussion: 20 min.	<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>	40 min.
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>1h</b>

13:30	<b>Reports from other Advisory Committees on Immunization - Session 3</b>  Report of the Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS), M. Wharton, Chair of GACVS, 10 min.  Discussion: 10 min.  Report of the Immunization Practices Advisory Committee (IPAC), S. Deeks, Chair of IPAC, 10 min.  Discussion: 10 min.  Report of the Expert Committee on Biological Standardization (ECBS), E. Griffiths, Chair of ECBS, 10 min.  Discussion: 10 min.  Report of the Immunization and Vaccine Related Implementation Research Advisory Committee (IVIR-AC), A. Hinman, Chair of IVIR-AC, 20 min.  Discussion: 20 min.	<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>	1h 30 min.
<b>15:10</b>	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>30 min.</b>
15:40	<b>Global polio eradication initiative - Session 4</b>  Context: Major developments since SAGE April 2012 meeting, B. Aylward, WHO, 10 min.  Discussion: 10 min.  Polio Endgame Strategy, Legacy & Budget, 2014-2018, A. Freeman, GPEI Project Manager for Development of the Endgame Documents, 20 min.  Discussion: 30 min.  Role of IPV in OPV cessation – report of the SAGE Polio Working group. E. Miller, Chair of SAGE Polio Working Group, 20 min.  Discussion: 50 min.  Accelerating polio emergency eradication efforts - is there a role for expanding the target age groups for bOPV campaigns and/or including IPV in campaigns. H. Jafari, WHO, 20 min.  Discussion: 40 min.	<b>FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION</b>  Update SAGE on major developments since the April 2012 SAGE meeting  Request SAGE’s input on what additional issues should be addressed or considered in the polio endgame strategy, and to optimize the legacy of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.  Request a decision on the role of IPV in OPV cessation - should the current SAGE recommendation be revised in light of additional information on IPV options, prices, supply, delivery routes and impact on mucosal immunity.  Request SAGE’s view on the role for expanding the target age groups for bOPV campaigns and/or including IPV in campaigns.	3h 20 min.
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Cocktail</b>		

**Wednesday, 7 November 2012**

08:00	<p><b>DoV – GVAP - Session 5</b></p> <p>GVAP key steps to implementation, J.-M. Okwo-Bele, WHO, 10 min.</p> <p>Discussion: 10 min.</p> <p>Decade of Vaccine M&amp;E/Accountability Framework, T. Cherian, WHO, 15 min.</p> <p>Discussion: 45 min.</p> <p>GVAP Costing, Financing and impact update and tracking commitments, G. Gandhi, UNICEF, 15 min.</p> <p>Discussion: 30 min.</p> <p>Independent review of progress and reporting to governing bodies, P. Duclos, WHO, 10 min.</p> <p>Discussion: 15 min.</p>	<p><b>FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION</b></p> <p>Discuss DoV M&amp;E/Accountability Framework structure and provide feedback on the reporting process particularly where WHO leads and next steps.</p> <p>Request endorsement of the GVAP indicators to be presented to WHO EB.</p> <p>Provide feedback and endorse the DoV commitment guidelines for increased emphasis on immunization as part of the UN Secretary General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health.</p> <p>Provide feedback on the process to undertake resource tracking process and update the GVAP cost, financing, and impact projections for 2015.</p> <p>Provide feedback on the proposed review process and reporting cycle.</p>	2h 30 min.
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>30 min.</b>
11:00	<p><b>Hib immunization schedules - Session 6</b></p> <p>Overview of Hib burden and progress with vaccine introduction (and questions to SAGE), P. Fine, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), 10 min.</p> <p>What evidence is available on the current Hib vaccine schedule versus alternative schedules, R. Hajjeh, CDC, 20 min.</p> <p>Impact and incremental benefits of various Hib vaccines schedules given the disease epidemiology in young children and the actual age at vaccination, C. Sanderson, LSHTM, 20 min.</p> <p>Expert group conclusions: What are the optimal schedules for Hib vaccines for children living in different epidemiological settings? J. Abramson, SAGE member, 10 min.</p> <p>Questions to SAGE and plenary discussion, 1h.</p>	<p><b>FOR DECISION</b></p> <p>What are the optimal schedules for Hib vaccines for children living in different epidemiological settings?</p> <p>What evidence is available on the current Hib vaccines schedules versus alternative schedules OR</p> <p>What schedules does the evidence favours (i.e. effectiveness, co-administration, operational issues, costs) for children living in different epidemiological settings?</p>	2h
<b>13:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>1h</b>

14:00	<b>Measles and rubella status report - Session 7</b>  Presentation on progress and challenges to achieving global and regional goals, SAGE member of WG, P. Figueroa, Chair of the SAGE measles-rubella working group, 20 min.  Discussion: 40 min.  Presentation on opportunities and plans to overcome the challenges, P. Strebel, 20 min.  Discussion: 10 min.	<b>FOR DISCUSSION</b>  Are we on track to achieve global and regional goals?  Are current plans, strategies, and resources adequate to achieve global and regional goals?  If not, what additional strategies, opportunities, and/or innovations are needed?	3h 30 min.
<b>15:30</b>	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>		<b>30 min.</b>
16:00	<b>Measles and rubella status report - Session 7, (Contd.)</b>  Discussion continued: 30 min.  Presentation on the draft framework for verifying elimination of measles and rubella, N. Crowcroft, SAGE measles-rubella working group, 10 min. (by phone link)  Discussion: 20 min.  Aerosol measles vaccination, M. Greco, Chair of the aerosol product development group and A.-M. Henao, WHO, 20 min.  Discussion: 40 min.	Are the definitions, criteria, and indicators of quality of surveillance appropriate for verifying elimination?      What is the potential role (if any) of a measles aerosol vaccine to accelerate measles control /elimination efforts?   What additional evidence is required to further inform policy and recommendations for use in the field?	
<b>18:00</b>	<b>End of meeting</b>		

**Thursday, 8 November 2012**

08:30	<b>Vaccination in humanitarian emergencies - Session 8</b>  Introduction and overview of the process; and the three components of the work, H. Rees, SAGE, 15 min.  The decision-making framework, R. Waldman, Working Group member, 30 min.  Discussion: 2h 15 min.	<b>FOR DECISION</b>  Request SAGE's review and endorsement of the decision-making framework on the use of vaccines in acute humanitarian emergencies.	3h
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>30 min.</b>
11:00	<b>Vaccination in humanitarian emergencies – Session 8, (Contd.)</b>		
12:00	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>1h</b>
13:00	<b>New vaccine introduction in middle-income countries: current initiatives to address financial challenges - Session 9</b>  What is the new context regarding middle-income countries and new vaccine introduction? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report from Macedonia, S. Manevska, Ministry of Health, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, 10 min.</li> <li>• EURO report, L. Mosina, WHO EURO, 10 min.</li> </ul> Discussion: 10 min.  What has been done so far to implement SAGE 2010 recommendations? S. Schmitt, WHO consultant, 15 min.  Discussion: 15 min.  What is to be done to respond to country needs and comply with WHA and SAGE recommendations: What WHO and partners are exploring and planning to do? M. Kaddar, WHO, Meredith Shirey, UNICEF, M. Kaddar, WHO, 20 min.  Discussion: 40 min.	<b>FOR DISCUSSION</b>  To report to the SAGE on activities conducted by WHO and partners to implement the 2008 and 2010 recommendations.  To share the lessons learned from activities and investigations of middle-income countries needs to overcome and address obstacles and challenges to sustainable new vaccine introduction.  To present the options detailed in the GVAP companion paper.  To seek for SAGE advice on the proposed operational strategies, activities and co-ordination mechanism(s) and request guidance on the priorities, scope, timing and the role of WHO.	2h
15:00	<b>Closing</b>		
<b>15:20</b>	<b>End of meeting</b>		