Primary objectives

- To drive intensified push to reach the global COVID-19 targets
- To recognize commitments to date and urgently call to close the ACT-A funding gaps

Provisional agenda

12:30-12:50 Opening remarks
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO
- Stella Kyriakides, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, European Commission
- Mathume Joseph Phaahla, Minister of Health, South Africa
- Anne Beate Tvinnereim, Minister for International Development, Norway

12:50-13:00 The urgency of equity Chair: John-Arne Røttingen, Ambassador for Global Health, Norway
- Where we are today in the roll out of COVID-19 countermeasures, Loyce Pace, Co-Chair of the Tracking and Accelerating Progress Working Group

13:00-13:45 Enhancing access to COVID-19 Tools Chair: Olive Shisana, President’s Special Advisor on Social Policy, South Africa
- Accelerating vaccine delivery in low coverage countries, John Nkengasong, Africa CDC & Ted Chaiban, Vaccine Delivery Partnership
- Accelerating access to new oral therapeutics, Clive Ondari, WHO, Charles Gore, Medicines Patent Pool & Sehrish Aslam, Remington Pharmaceuticals, Pakistan
- Reversing the decline in diagnostic testing globally & a country experience ramping up COVID-19 testing, Emma Hannay, FIND & Chinwe Ochu, CDC, Nigeria

13:45-14:00 Recognizing new contributions & financing urgent priorities Chair: Olive Shisana, President’s Special Advisor on Social Policy, South Africa
- Financing our urgent priorities, John-Arne Røttingen, Chair, Finance and Resource Mobilization Working Group

14:00-14:50 Discussion Chair: John-Arne Røttingen, Ambassador for Global Health, Norway
Guiding Questions:
- What levers can the Council members use to increase access to COVID-19 tools?
- How best can Council members support closing the ACT-A financing gap considering the increasingly tight fiscal space?

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