ACT Accelerator Facilitation Council
11th Council meeting

Virtual meeting, 6 July 2022, 12:30-15:00 (CEST)

Primary objectives

- Orientation of Council members on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Build political momentum to accelerate uptake of COVID-19 tools
- Harvest Council members views on ACT-A’s work in the transition to long-term COVID-19 control

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 Beathe Tvinnereim, Minister for International Development, Norway

12:50-13:00 State of the pandemic & response: from acute to endemic COVID-19 Chair: Olive Shisana, President’s Special Advisor on Social Policy, South Africa

- COVID-19 epidemiological update, Mike Ryan, Executive Director WHO Health Emergencies Programme & Abdi Mahamud, WHO Incident Manager for COVID-19

13:00-13:40 Accelerating uptake of COVID-19 tools Chair: John-Arne Røttingen, Ambassador for Global Health, Norway

- Accelerating vaccine delivery in low coverage countries, Ted Chaiban, Global Lead Coordinator, COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Partnership & Pierre Somse, Minister of Health and Population, Central African Republic
- Introducing new COVID-19 therapeutics, Phillipe Duneton, Executive Director, Unitaid & Regina Osih, Chief Global Health Officer, Aurum Institute
- Perspectives from the ACT-Council working groups
  - TAP Working Group Co-Chair: Loyce Pace, Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs at Health and Human Services, USA
  - Therapeutics and Diagnostics Working Group Co-Chairs: Ian Dalton, Senior Head of Therapeutics and Diagnostics, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, United Kingdom and Mustaqeem De Gama, Director, Legal International Trade, Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, South Africa

13:40-14:00 ACT-A in the transition to long-term COVID-19 disease control Chair: Olive Shisana, President’s Special Advisor on Social Policy, South Africa

- Planning the ACT-A transition to endemic COVID-19, Bruce Aylward, Senior Advisor to the WHO Director-General & Head of the ACT-Accelerator Hub
- Panel: Council members expectations for managing endemic COVID-19, Chair: Ayoade Alakija, WHO Special Envoy for the ACT-Accelerator
  - Brazil: Cristina Alexandre, Special Advisor for International Affairs of the Minister of Health
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- **Canada**: Joshua Tabah, Director General, Health and Nutrition, Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development
- **Nepal**: Samir Kumar Adhikari, Chief, Health Emergency Operation Center, Ministry of Health and Population

**14:00-14:50 Discussion** *Chair: John-Arne Røttingen, Ambassador for Global Health, Norway*

**Guiding Questions:**

- How can Council members support the advancement of financing and uptake of COVID-19 tools?
- What are the Council Members’ perspectives on ACT-A in the transition phase to long-term COVID-19 control?
- As the last Council meeting will be held in September, how do Council members want to be kept abreast of ACT-A activities during the transition phase?

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