The Decade of Vaccines

We envision a world where children, families, and communities enjoy life protected from the threat of disease.

Recognizing that immunization is one of the most cost-effective means to achieve this vision, the purpose of the Decade of Vaccines is to extend the full benefits of immunization to all people, regardless of where they live. Access to safe and effective vaccines is a human right that is currently not enjoyed by everyone, particularly in low and middle-income countries.

Success will require:

- Expanding and sustaining broad public demand and political commitment for the use of vaccines and the financing of immunization services;
- Strengthening the equitable delivery of immunization services to achieve universal coverage of safe and effective vaccines by 2020 in order to prevent, control, eliminate, or eradicate vaccine-preventable diseases;
- Creating the right market incentives to ensure an adequate and reliable supply of affordable vaccines; and
- Cultivating a robust scientific enterprise to produce innovation in the discovery and development of new and improved vaccines and immunization strategies for high priority disease targets.

Only evidence-based, country-led prioritization and planning can extend the benefits of immunization services to all people and requires engagement by the diverse communities that are needed to achieve this vision, including civil society, governments, donors, industry, philanthropy and academia. Strengthening regulatory frameworks, particularly in developing countries, is needed to ensure the availability of vaccines of assured quality, safety, and efficacy. Further, only mutually beneficial alliances of public and private sector actors will drive the innovations that will produce new, affordable vaccines for the future.

The aim of the Decade of Vaccines Collaboration is to enhance coordination across the global community by creating a Global Vaccine Action Plan that outlines the steps necessary to achieve the vision outlined above. The Global Vaccine Action Plan will also identify the financial resources needed and articulate a set of measures for assessing progress.