SAGE working group on yellow fever vaccines

Terms of reference

Review the evidence and prepare recommendations related to the use of yellow fever vaccines and contained in the 2003 WHO position paper for SAGE review, and subsequent publication of an updated vaccine position paper.

The questions particularly to be addressed include the following:

1. Reconsider the need for booster doses every 10 years including for travellers in the context of the International Health regulations
2. Review the impact of routine vaccination versus outbreak control
3. Review the impact of the combined vaccination strategy (routine immunization and preventive campaigns)
4. Review the safety profile of the vaccines and update the recommendations in the context of safety issues including in particular with respect to immunization of HIV infected populations and immunocompromised, in pregnant or lactating women and in context of viscerotropic and neurological diseases
5. Review of interference between yellow fever and other vaccines and co-administered vaccination
6. Review the prospect for the development and availability of new vaccines

Expertise needed in:

- Expertise in yellow fever epidemiology and control strategies
- Expertise in Immunogenicity, efficacy and safety of available vaccine products
  - Epidemiologist
  - Clinicians
  - Yellow fever virologist
  - Immunologist
  - Supply
  - Regulatory
  - Surveillance, including field laboratory diagnosis
  - Program management