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### 2009 GAVI Alliance Partners' Forum CONCEPT NOTE

The Government of Vietnam has kindly accepted to host the 2009 GAVI Partners' Forum in Hanoi, Vietnam, on November 18-20, 2009.

The GAVI Partners' Forum gathers brings together global leadership on health and immunization. Some 350-400 international participants are expected. Ministers of Health from 72 GAVI recipient countries and delegations from 17 donor countries are invited, as well as parliamentarians and leaders from UN agencies, civil society, academia and private sector.

#### OBJECTIVES

- To share, celebrate and learn from the GAVI Alliance's results, innovations and impact to date;
- To reaffirm and broaden the GAVI partnership by providing a forum to:
  - Enable a range of existing partners to share their experiences and exchange ideas.
  - Strengthen the involvement of specific stakeholder groups, particularly civil society.
- To identify key opportunities and challenges for the future and enable partners to inform GAVI's strategic direction for 2011-2015.

#### BACKGROUND

To date, three Partners' Meetings have taken place, in the Netherlands (2000), Senegal (2002), and India (2005), all of them high level events with some 30-40 ministers in attendance and high level delegations from 80-90 countries.

#### PART OF A WEEK-LONG SERIES OF EVENTS

The Partners' Forum is the anchor and most prominent event in a series of GAVI related events on the week of 16-20 November 2009:

- The **IFFIm Board Meeting** will precede the Partners' Forum and will be chaired by Dr Alan Gillespie, former Chair of the Ulster Bank Group and Chair of the IFFIm board of directors. This meeting will take place at the Melia Hotel on 16 November.
- The **GAVI Alliance Board Meeting** will precede the Partners' Forum and will be chaired by Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and Chair of the GAVI Alliance Board. This meeting will take place at the Melia Hotel on 17-18 November.
- The **Partners' Forum Opening Ceremony** will take place on the evening of 18 November with an opening ceremony and a cultural event and reception for delegates.

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- The ceremony will be hosted by the Honourable Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung of Vietnam and is likely to take place in the Hanoi Opera, including a reception and a cultural performance.
- The **Partners' Forum** will take place at the Melia Hotel on 19-20 November, with a series of plenaries, workshop sessions, briefing sessions and VIP events.
  - Arrangements at the Melia Hotel have been finalised. We expect some 350-450 participants.
- **A limited number of field trips** for GAVI Alliance Board members and alternates to immunisation programmes in the Hanoi region to witness Vietnam's best practices, as well as understand the needs and challenges. These are scheduled on Monday 16 November and Friday 20 November.

### PARTNERS' INVOLVEMENT

Partners' input, presence and active contribution will be essential to the success of the event. The GAVI Secretariat is seeking partners' input for the overall agenda development, and for the conceptualisation and facilitation of relevant sessions. A Steering Committee has been established to enrol the leadership of key partner agencies in overseeing this broad engagement process.

Partners will also help secure participation of country teams, including Ministers of Health, head of EPI and lead of health systems strengthening activities. This may entail travel facilitation and financing in line with previous partners Forums practices, so as to ensure the broad participation and effective sharing of lessons learned and the building of country capacity in the process.

### Logistics

The Partners' Forum will take place at Hotel Meliá Hanoi ([www.meliahanoi.com](http://www.meliahanoi.com)), where most delegates will be accommodated. GAVI has an option on additional rooms at the hotels Mövenpick and Hilton. All meetings, including luncheons and breaks, will take place at the hotel Meliá. Offices, internet points and ad-hoc meeting rooms will also be available at the hotel.

Shuttle services to/from the airport and hotel Meliá are arranged by GAVI. Information stands will be set-up at both the hotels and the airport. Transport will be arranged if evening events take place outside the hotel.

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**18-20 November 2009 | Hanoi | Melia Hotel**

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**DRAFT Agenda Outline**

<b>Wednesday 18 November</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Location</b>
afternoon	<p><b>Briefing sessions</b>  <i>To provide participants with key information and latest news on areas of GAVI's work</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. GAVI overview</b></li> <li><b>2. IFFIm overview</b></li> <li><b>3. GAVI application and monitoring processes and policies</b></li> <li><b>4. Country eligibility</b></li> <li><b>5. 'My GAVI', a new web tool</b></li> </ol>	TBC TBC TBC TBC TBC
18.00 – 19.00	<p><b>Opening ceremony</b>  <i>To welcome participants to Vietnam and formally open the GAVI Partners' Forum 2009</i></p> <p><i>Speakers will include the Honourable Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung of Vietnam and Dr Nguyen Quoc Trieu, Minister of Health of Vietnam</i></p>	Hanoi Opera House
19.00 – 21.00	<b>Reception and dinner hosted by the Government of Vietnam</b>	TBC

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<b>Thursday 19 November</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Location</b>
09.00 – 09.15	<b>Plenary: Welcome to GAVI Partners' Forum</b> <i>To welcome participants to the GAVI Partners' Forum and provide an overview of its objectives and programme</i>	Plenary room
09.15 – 10.30	<b>Plenary: Setting the stage (presentations and discussion)</b>	Plenary room
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Break</b>	
11.00 - 12.30	<b>Plenary: Progress and impact (panel discussion)</b> <i>To discuss the achievements of the GAVI Alliance and hear about success stories and lessons learnt</i>	Plenary room
12.30 – 14.00	<b>Lunch and constituency networking</b> <i>To enable constituency groups to meet together to exchange experiences, perspectives and priorities</i>	TBC
14.00 – 16.00	<b>Workshops: Round 1</b> <i>To share experiences, discuss and debate critical issues relating to GAVI's work</i>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Fighting pneumonia and diarrhoea: integrated approaches to achieve the health MDGs</b></li> <li>2. <b>Health systems strengthening</b></li> <li>3. <b>Data quality and measuring progress</b></li> <li>4. <b>Achieving financial sustainability</b></li> <li>5. <b>New vaccines</b></li> <li>6. <b>Innovation in delivery systems</b></li> <li>7. <b>Private sector engagement</b></li> <li>8. <b>Women's health – the promise of HPV vaccines</b></li> </ol>	TBC  TBC TBC TBC TBC TBC TBC TBC
16.00 – 16.30	<b>Break</b>	
16.30 – 17.45	<b>Plenary: Strengthening the involvement of civil society (talk show)</b> <i>To discuss and strategise on how to broaden and strengthen the involvement of civil society in GAVI's work</i>	Plenary room

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17.45 – 18.00	<b>Plenary: Wrap up of the day</b>	Plenary room
20.00	<b>Dinner and awards ceremony hosted by GAVI Alliance partners</b> <i>To celebrate results achieved in the 10 years of GAVI's existence and reward those countries that stand out because of their special achievements and leadership on different fronts.</i>	Melia Hotel

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<b>Friday 20 November</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Location</b>
09.00 – 09.15	<b>Plenary: Welcome</b> <i>To welcome participants to the second day of the GAVI Partners' Forum and re-cap on its objectives and programme</i>	Plenary room
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11.00 – 11.30	<b>Break</b>	
11.30 – 12.30	<b>Plenary: Prioritising and financing investments in health (debate)</b> <i>To discuss with Ministers of Health and Ministers of Finance from GAVI-eligible countries how to prioritise and finance investments in health</i>	
12.30 – 13.30	<b>Plenary: Talking back to GAVI (key points from workshops and discussion)</b> <i>To enable the participants to present to GAVI the key points arising from the workshops</i>	Plenary room
13.30 – 14.00	<b>Plenary: Looking forward (presentations and discussion)</b> <i>To build on the issues raised at the Partners' Forum and look forward at GAVI's future towards 2015 and beyond</i>	Plenary room
14.00	<b>Lunch</b>	TBC