

GAVI Alliance Executive Committee Meeting

24 September 2010

Teleconference

FINAL MINUTES

Finding a quorum of members present¹, the meeting commenced at 17.07 Geneva time on 24 September 2010. Jaime Sepulveda, Executive Committee Chair chaired the meeting.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of its meeting on 29 July 2010 (Doc #1 in the Committee pack). Armin Fidler confirmed he had participated in the discussion and decision on funding for Cuba.

Resolution One

The GAVI Alliance Executive Committee resolved to:

Approve the minutes of its meeting on 29 July 2010 subject to an amendment that Armin Fidler on behalf of the World Bank fully participated in the discussion on “Programme Approvals and Financing” and voted in favour of Resolution Three.

1 CEO Update

Julian Lob-Levyt, CEO informed the Committee on GAVI’s activities at the recent MDG summit² in New York City. Significantly, the UN Secretary-General strongly endorsed GAVI in his Maternal and Child Health agenda given its leading role in vaccines and strengthening health systems.

The Secretariat is preparing comments on GAVI’s second evaluation report, which the external consultants recently submitted and which has been distributed electronically to Board members. The evaluation will be discussed at the Board meeting.

Finally, Dr Lob-Levyt informed the Committee that South Korea had made its initial pledge of financial support to GAVI. Discussion followed:

- The Committee noted that the agenda items on India had been withdrawn by the Secretariat and requested more clarity on the timeline for Pentavalent introduction in India. Special emphasis should be paid to specific implementation plans, the number of states where this implementation would take place, and how (and when) it plans to use the available GAVI funds.
- George W. Wellde, Jr. provided a short update on the search for the new Board Chair; a project under the remit of the Governance Committee. He

¹ Participants are listed in Attachment A

² High-level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals: <http://www.un.org/en/mdg/summit2010/>

reported the recruitment was on track. The Committee Chair recognised Mr Wellde for his leadership of the search.

- Debbie Adams, Managing Director for Law and Governance updated the Committee on the CEO search process, noting that the search committee's chair, Dagfinn Høybråten will provide a full update to the Governance Committee during its meeting on 4 October 2010.

2 Finance and Resource Mobilisation Update

Barry Greene, Managing Director, Finance and Operations provided a financial overview and Joelle Tanguy, Managing Director, External Relations updated the Committee on the 6 October 2010 resource mobilisation event in New York (Doc #2). This meeting is the first step in a process that will culminate in a "commitment meeting" in 2011 at which donors and partners will make specific, time-bound commitments in their areas of responsibility. Discussion followed:

- Supply constraints and price reductions should be factored in future financial position updates.
- The financial update does not include resource inflows expected from IFFIm for HSS or outflows on future HSS programmes beyond the US\$ 179 million remaining in the current HSS envelope. Since the Board agreed to revisit the current envelope at a later time, the PPC is discussing this issue and will report in due course.
- Though it was originally intended that donors would make pledges at the 6 October 2010 meeting, many donor countries are unable to make pledges because of their legislative, audit, and budget cycles. Consequently, GAVI is planning a formal pledging conference in early 2011 to coincide with these cycles. As such, while there will be some pledges, the 6 October event is primarily intended to initiate the discussion among donors and partners and maintain momentum which is important given the need of partner agencies to understand what level of activity they will need to scale up for in the coming years.
- Given the prominent role that vaccine price reductions will play in GAVI's cost structure, pharmaceutical companies are part of the 6 October agenda and are involved in the broader resource mobilisation discussion.

3 GAVI Alliance Business Plan 2011-2015

Helen Evans, Deputy CEO presented a general update on the creation of the business plan (Doc #3). The PPC and Audit and Finance Committee will provide input before Executive Committee review in November.

In summary, the business plan is built around the Board endorsed strategic goals and objectives and will enable performance measurement. The Audit and Finance Committee will evaluate the budget associated with the business plan. Discussion followed:

- The Audit and Finance Committee Chair preference was to continue the business plan budgets in two year tranches, as has been practice, but the Chair has not yet seen the proposed budget for 2011-2012.
- The PPC and Audit and Finance Committee should examine functions and capacity needs of the Secretariat and partner agencies to determine whether GAVI is adequately resourced, if additional Secretariat staff is required, or if functions could be outsourced.
- The plan as presented defers several key decisions until the latter part of the two year planning period. The Committee requested more specificity on targets and clear timelines and deadlines without deferring key decisions.
- GAVI and the World Bank will need to find ways to ensure continued Bank engagement on programmatic aspects where they have a comparative advantage while recognising that they cannot enter into a contractual relationships with GAVI.

4 Adjustments to Programme Funding Plan

Barry Greene and Mercy Ahun, Managing Director, Programme Delivery recommended several adjustments to existing programme budgets and near-term liabilities (Doc #4). Discussion followed:

- One country made a substantial increased commitment to its co-financing responsibilities. This was likely a result of its expected graduation from GAVI support.
- The Secretariat acknowledged that a programme adjustment for another country was needed as a result of its own miscalculation. The adjustment should ensure no disruption would occur to that country's programme.

Resolution Two

The GAVI Alliance Executive Committee resolved to:

Endorse the following multi-year programme budget as within the scope of the GAVI Alliance's charitable mission:

- **US\$ 1,495,240** increase to existing Immunisation Services Support programmes.

Endorse a reduction to the following multi-year programme budget:

- **US\$ (8,753,000)** to existing New Vaccines Support programmes.

These endorsements constitute acknowledgement of the amounts contained in such budgets but do not constitute a funding approval, decision, obligation or commitment of the GAVI Alliance or its contributors.

Approve a financial commitment on behalf of the GAVI Alliance to fund the following:

- **US\$ 1,495,240** in liabilities for Immunisation Services Support programmes.

Rescind a financial commitment on behalf of the GAVI Alliance to fund the following:

- **US\$ (1,764,000)** in liabilities for New Vaccines Support programmes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ms Debbie Adams, Secretary

Attachment A

Participants

Committee Members

- Jaime Sepulveda, Chair
- Wayne Berson
- Armin Fidler
- Ashutosh Garg
- Saad Houry
- Suresh Jadhav
- Daisy Mafubelu
- George W. Wellde, Jr
- Julian Lob-Levyt (non-voting)

Regrets

- Gustavo Gonzalez-Canali
- Guillermo González-González

Other Board members in attendance

- Paul Fife
- Rajeev Venkayya (Alternate)*

Secretariat

- Debbie Adams
- Mercy Ahun
- Tony Dutson
- Helen Evans
- Barry Greene
- Kevin Klock
- Stephen Nurse-Findlay
- Joelle Tanguy

Guests

- Violaine Mitchell, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Laura Nereida Quintana, Special Advisor to Guillermo González-González

* Served as the eligible organisation's voting member per Section 2.6.5 of the By-Laws