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MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AT GAVI PARTNERS FORUM

Concept note

1. Introduction

As part of the GAVI Partners Forum 2012, GAVI is inviting Members of Parliaments (MPs) from donor, potential donor and implementing countries to take part in a special programme during the event. The GAVI Partners' Forum, hosted by the Government of Tanzania, will enable discussions on the role of immunisation in achieving the health MDGs, review lessons learned and allow participants to share best practices. The event will gather distinguished Ministers and global health leaders and a wide range of international delegates from GAVI-eligible countries and from donor countries, representatives of civil society organisations, technical experts and private sector partners.

2. Objectives

- Provide Parliamentarians with a better knowledge of GAVI, vaccines and immunisation
- Help foster MP's commitment to advocate for GAVI, vaccines and immunisation and increased MP engagement and oversight of national immunisation programmes
- Build a network of national and regional advocates, to ensure political and financial support for immunisation in donor and implementing countries,
- Facilitate a forum for dialogue around immunisation among donor and implementing country MPs
- MPs from graduating countries are empowered to achieve sustainable immunisation financing
- Influential MPs to be at the hub of further parliamentary and budgetary action for sustainable immunisation financing

3. Invitees to take part in the MP delegation

Key MPs from GAVI donor, potential donor and implementing countries should be invited to ensure a representative delegation. The delegation should also reflect GAVI diversity (e.g. region, language, gender). The delegation could potentially be composed of:

- 10-15 MPs from donor and potential donor countries
- 15-20 MPs from GAVI countries
- Total 25-35 MPs

The MP delegation is expected to nominate two spokespersons for the delegation for each day of the programme. It is foreseen that the spokespersons will initially speak on behalf of the delegation at meetings and events, and thereafter open the floor for the other delegates to speak. The spokespersons will receive speaking points to assist them in this task in advance of the different meetings.



4. Expectations for the MP delegation

The MPs attending the Partners Forum are expected to attend all events foreseen in the MP programme, participate in finalising an MP declaration, participate in panels and workshops of their choosing and championing immunisation and GAVI upon return to their capitals. The latter includes: reporting to their respective Committees and Ministers; introducing parliamentary declarations and resolutions in support of immunisation; speaking out in plenary debates and to CSOs on vaccine and immunisation financing issues; blogging or communicating via social media and/or through traditional media articles on their experiences at the Forum; proposing new or updated vaccine legislation; personally participating in immunisation / GAVI activities.

5. MP session at Partners Forum (See draft programme in Annex)

A Special High Level Panel has been foreseen during the Partners Forum to take place on Friday 7 December. The idea behind the Special Session is to identify and debate Parliamentarian and Ministries' perspectives on co-financing and sustainability from both North and South viewpoints. It could be foreseen that the panellists also share best practices and challenges facing their respective countries. The Special Session could potentially be a "Davos style" debate, with a moderator, followed by Q&A session. It could be foreseen that there are 6-8 high-level representatives on a panel. These could be 2 MPs ("North" and "South"); 2 Ministers of Finance from GAVI countries; 1 or 2 Ministers / High-level GAVI donor representatives; 1 or 2 Ministers of Health from GAVI countries. The duration of the session will be 1.5 hours.

Please note that the programme includes additional sessions for Parliamentarians only.

6. MP Declaration at Partners Forum

It is foreseen that the MP delegation prepares and finalises a written declaration e.g. reaffirming their support for GAVI, new vaccines and country ownership of immunisation programmes; call for action on maternal and child health; call for increased funding to immunisation; reference to other declarations or strategies (e.g UNSG); etc. (TBD). The outcome document will be prepared by a drafting committee composed of 3-4 MPs.

7. Budget outline

GAVI has a limited budget for parliamentary engagement at the Partners Forum. GAVI will be able to cover the travel of up to 30 MPs. A small per diem will be provided to the delegates. Accommodation, transport costs, lunches and dinners that are part of the official programme, and costs for renting meeting venues will be covered by GAVI.



ANNEX

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Monday 3 December 2012 – Arusha	
Day	Arrival of delegation in Arusha, pick-up at airport and check-in at hotel TBD
19:00-21:00	Informal welcome dinner
Tuesday 4 December 2012 – Arusha	
07:00-08:00	Informal breakfast briefing about the programme for the Forum
All day	Field visits in rural areas
Evening	Flight to Dar es Salaam, pick-up at airport and check-in at hotel Serena
Wednesday 5 December 2012 – Dar es Salaam	
10:00-12:00	GAVI briefing meeting with Alliance partners: WHO, UNICEF, WB
12:30-14:00	Lunch with members of Parliament of Tanzania
14:00-15:00	Sabin Vaccine Institute special session, open to all delegates
Afternoon	Delegation is invited to organise bilateral meetings with their respective Embassies or other representatives at their discretion
Evening	Opening Ceremony of GAVI Alliance Partners Forum
Thursday 6 December 2012 – Dar es Salaam	
Morning	Delegation to attend Partners Forum sessions of choice
12:30-13:30	Lunch with GAVI leadership
14:00-16:00	Finalisation of draft Declaration (<i>Drafting Committee members only</i>)
Afternoon	Delegation to attend Partners Forum sessions of choice
Evening	Partners Forum Awards dinner
Friday 7 December 2012 – Dar es Salaam	
Morning	Delegation to attend Partners Forum sessions of choice
12:00-13:30	Special session with Ministers of Finance/Ministers of Health on sustainable immunisation financing
Afternoon	Delegation to attend Partners Forum sessions of choice
	Members of Parliament statement at closing ceremony
Evening	Departure - Transport to airport
Saturday 8 December 2012 – Dar es Salaam	
Day	Departure - Transport to airport