

# 7. SAGE Working Group on the Decade of Vaccines' Global Vaccine Action Plan

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## *Terms of reference*

The SAGE Working Group (WG) will facilitate a yearly SAGE independent review of the implementation of the Decade of Vaccines' Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP) and assessment of progress.

Specifically, the WG will:

- 1) independently evaluate and document progress towards each of the 6 GVAP Strategic Objectives and towards the achievement of the Decade of Vaccines Goals (2011-2020), using the GVAP Monitoring & Evaluation / Accountability Framework;
- 2) identify successes, challenges and areas where additional efforts or corrective actions by countries, regions, partners, donor agencies or other parties, are needed;
- 3) identify and document best practices;
- 4) prepare the GVAP implementation annual report to be presented to the SAGE, and thereafter, with SAGE inputs, be submitted for discussion to the WHO January EB meeting, to the WHA and the independent Expert Review Group (iERG) for the UN Secretary General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health<sup>1</sup>.

In its review the WG should take a broad perspective, encompassing the general environment, including the health system context.

## *Membership*

The group will be composed of 2 SAGE members and an additional 8 experts all serving in their individual capacity. The group will be chaired by a SAGE member. The appointed Chair will remain Chair even after he/she rotates out of SAGE unless he/she becomes ineligible to continue serving on the group (e.g., in view of affiliation and declaration of interests). The selection of the non-SAGE member experts will be made by consensus by the DoV lead agencies (WHO, UNICEF, the GAVI Alliance, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID—part of the National Institutes of Health U.S.) and a representative from the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) following an open call for nominations. The lead agencies will be asked to nominate one member each who will serve on a WG selection panel together with the appointed WG chair, the Chair of SAGE and the SAGE Executive Secretary.

The WG will aim to have expertise relevant to the GVAP Goals and 6 Strategic Objectives:

1. All countries commit to immunization as a priority.
2. Individuals and communities understand the value of vaccines and demand immunization as both their right and responsibility.
3. The benefits of immunization are equitably extended to all people.
4. Strong immunization systems are an integral part of a well-functioning health system.
5. Immunization programmes have sustainable access to predictable funding, quality supply and innovative technologies.
6. Country, regional and global research and development innovations maximize the benefits of immunization.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.who.int/woman\\_child\\_accountability/iERG/members/en/](http://www.who.int/woman_child_accountability/iERG/members/en/)

In addition, the WG should have broad geographic representation, gender balance, and represent a broad range of stakeholders and constituencies.

### *Mode of operation and secretarial support*

The WG will operate under the rules of functioning for SAGE Working Groups. See: [www.who.int/immunization/sage/SAGE\\_Working\\_Groups\\_general\\_information.pdf](http://www.who.int/immunization/sage/SAGE_Working_Groups_general_information.pdf).

The WG will meet face to face on an annual basis in September and present its report to the subsequent November SAGE meeting.

Additional teleconferences will be arranged on an ad-hoc basis in order to prepare for the face-to-face meetings.

The Secretariat will facilitate the preparation of the reports to be reviewed by SAGE. Main administrative and secretariat support will be provided by WHO.

The WG proceedings will be informed by:

1. An annual monitoring report of GVAP indicators and achievement of goals and targets.
2. A specific narrative progress report for each of the GVAP 6 Strategic Objectives taking the above mentioned report into consideration.
3. An annual M&E / Accountability report with tracking of resources and commitments.
4. Annual regional reports on the GVAP implementation, themselves generated with input from the Regional Technical Advisory Groups on Immunization (RTAGs).
5. Annual reports from key stakeholders such as civil society and industry