

# ACT Accelerator

*Report of the Facilitation Council Co-Chairs*

**WHO MS COVID-19 Briefing**

15 October 2020

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# RECAP: ACT-A Facilitation Council composition<sup>1</sup>

## Governments

### Regional groups

- League of Arab States: Bahrain
- Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN): Vietnam
- African Union (AU): South Africa
- Caribbean Community (CARICOM): Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS): Uzbekistan
- Forum of Small States: Singapore
- New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD): Rwanda
- Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC): Mexico<sup>3</sup>
- Pacific Island Forum (PIF): Tuvalu
- South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation: Nepal

## Co-Chairs: Norway & South Africa

### Founding Donors

- Canada
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Japan
- Norway
- Saudi Arabia
- Spain
- United Kingdom

### Market Shapers<sup>2</sup>

- Brazil
- China
- India
- Indonesia
- Republic of Korea
- Russia

## Co-hosts

- World Health Organization & European Commission

## Non-government partners

- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Wellcome Trust
- World Economic Forum

## Envoys & Invitees

- WHO Envoys x2
- CSO x 2
- ICC

<sup>1</sup> USA & World Bank observers to the Council meeting

<sup>2</sup> South Africa is also a market shaper & founding member

<sup>3</sup> founding member

# RECAP: Highlights of 1<sup>st</sup> ACT-A Facilitation Council (10 Sept)

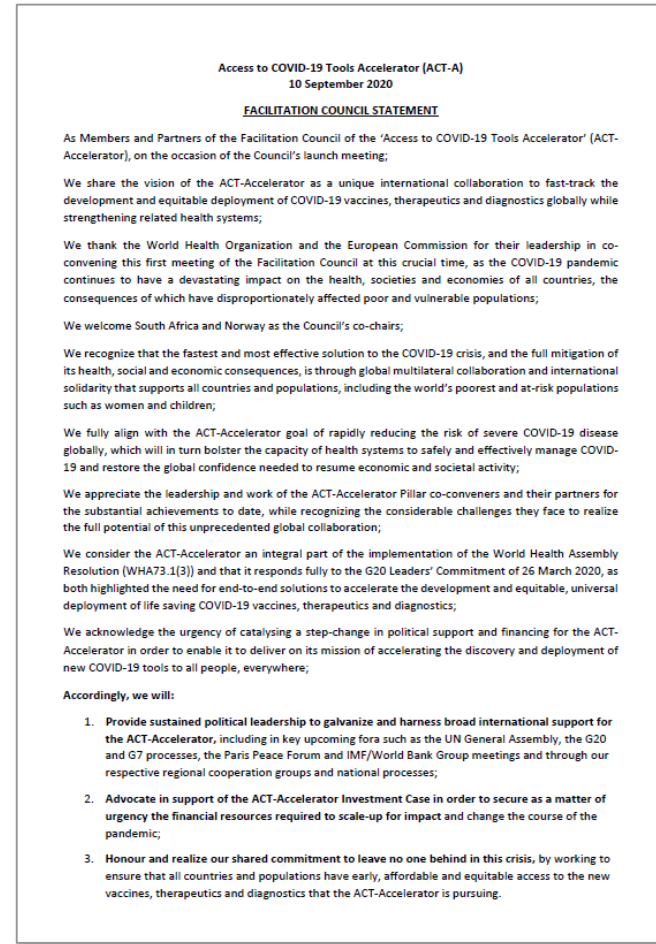
- Council, Co-Chairs and ToRs<sup>1</sup> **established**
- **High-level Segment** with UN Secretary-General, DG/WHO, EC President, President of South Africa, Prime Minister of Norway, President of Rwanda
- **Ministerial Segment** with 24 minister & 6 partner/invitee interventions, including Civil Society Organizations:
  - emphasis on **urgency, solidarity, inclusivity, transparency, science**, and importance of the full **integrated ACT-A portfolio**
  - broad endorsement and support for **ACT-A Plan & Investment Case**
  - agreement on **Outcome Statement**
- Set the stage set for **ACT-A at UNGA, G20 & other international fora**

1. Council Terms of Reference are available at: [https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/act/act-a-facilitation-council-terms-of-reference-21-september-2020.pdf?sfvrsn=6e663094\\_0](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/act/act-a-facilitation-council-terms-of-reference-21-september-2020.pdf?sfvrsn=6e663094_0)

# RECAP: 1<sup>st</sup> Facilitation Council Outcome Statement

*'We will*

- *provide sustained political leadership...*
- *advocate for the ACT-A Investment Case...*
- *honour our shared commitment to leave no-one behind...'*



# **Work of the Co-Chairs** since the 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting

# Work of the Council Co-Chairs

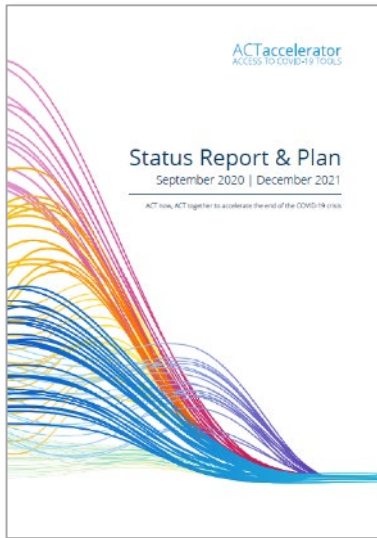
## Summary of Activities

- ✓ Co-Chairs **roles & ways of working** established
  - ✓ **Weekly meetings** initiated with Envoys, Hub & EC on the ACT-A priorities and advocacy campaign
  - ✓ **Review meetings initiated with Principals of each Pillar & Health Systems Connector** (Dx; Access & Allocation, to date)
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# **Advocacy Developments** since the 1<sup>st</sup> Council



# From Start-up to Scale-up: the ACT-Accelerator Plan & Investment Case released 25 September 2020



**Status Report & Plan** provides an overview of ACT-Accelerator's goal, approach, achievements to date & near-term priorities.

**Investment Case** provides an economic rationale for investing in ACT-A as a global, integrated, 'end-to-end' solution.



# ACT-A in the media

## Pillars & partner-led

Gavi/Serum alliance announcement  
Pharma industry Declaration  
Rapid Antigen Tests (RDTs)

### theguardian

Covid-19 tests that give results in minutes to be rolled out across world

Global initiative will supply 120m rapid antigen tests to low- and middle-income countries



*"In a triumph for a global initiative to get vital drugs and vaccines to fight the virus, 120m rapid antigen tests from two companies will be supplied to low- and middle-income countries for \$5 (£3.90) each or even less."*

### THE TIMES OF INDIA

INDIA  
Serum to make extra 100 million vaccine doses

Rapid Mskhper | TNN | Sep 30, 2020, 04:28 IST



NEW DELHI: Serum Institute of India will produce up to an additional 100 million COVID-19 vaccine doses for India and low and middle-income countries in 2021. The company made this announcement taking forward the collaboration between SII, Gavi, Vaccine Alliance and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

*"Serum Institute, the world's largest vaccine producer, will manufacture an additional 100 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines, on the back of a further \$150 million at-risk funding under its collaboration with GAVI and the Gates Foundation"*

### A WORLD BEFORE USNews

Gates Foundation, Pharmaceutical Companies Join to Advance Coronavirus Vaccines

Sixteen pharmaceutical companies signed a statement committing to equitable allocation of coronavirus interventions.

Mark Suzman, CEO of the Gates Foundation, announced on Wednesday that 16 CEOs signed a communique stating their "commitments to help ensure equitable & effective global allocation of COVID-19 interventions"

## European & global media

Global newswire and national papers in Brussels, Germany, The Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Japan and the UK.



U.N. needs 'immediate infusion' of \$15 bn for global vaccine fund

By Nicolas Fichard, Jacques Dubois

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U.N. chief: time for national plans to help fund global COVID-19 vaccine effort

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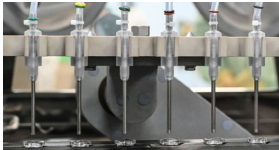
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### ZEITUNG ONLINE

Deutschland stockt Hilfen für UN-Impf Allianz auf

Bundeskanzlerin Angela Merkel hat dem ACT-Programm der Vereinten Nationen weitere 100 Millionen Euro zugesagt. Deutschland sei sich seiner Verantwortung bewusst.



DeMorgen.  
WHO keurt goedkope Covid-19-sneltest goed: al na kwartier resultaat



## Op-eds

Across Europe, Middle East and Asia.

### Les Echos

Opinion | Un effort mondial pour guérir la planète du Covid-19

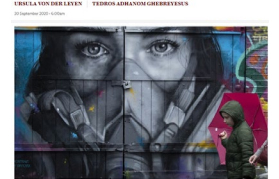
Arènes de vaccins, tests et traitements pour tous ceux qui en ont besoin c'est la seule voie sûre - mais la dernière testée pour le monde entier.



### The Telegraph

A global pandemic requires a world effort to end it - none of us will be safe until everyone is safe

By URBAN VAN DER LEKEN, TEDHO AHMADIAN-GARRETTSON



新冠肺炎免疫之战  
在穷国的失败 也将是富国的灾难

比尔·盖茨

独家首发

21封面

朝日新聞 DIGITAL

対コロナ枠組みに支援呼びかけ テドロス事務局長ら寄稿

新型コロナウイルスへのグローバル対応に真実提供

LASTAMPA

Sale l'allarme, investiamo per il vaccino

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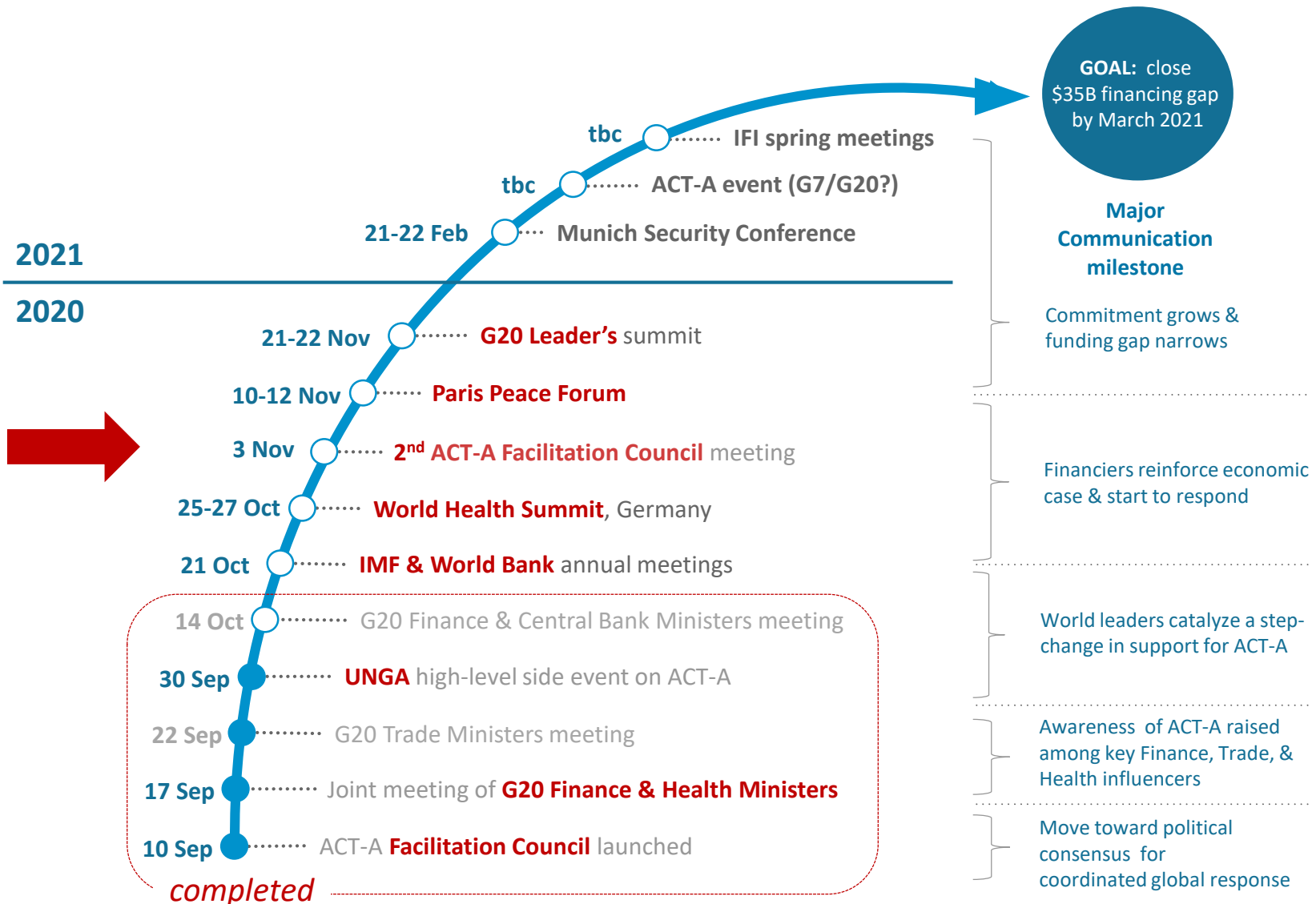
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## ACT-A at the UN General Assembly

- **‘Next level’ of political support** from global leaders, donors, banks, industry and civil society
- Great **scale-up in ACT-A financing for vaccines**, with nearly US\$1B announced by the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, Japan, Sweden
- **World Bank US\$ 12B** in International Development Assistance (IDA) & International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) loans
- **Strong industry voices** with 16 Life Sciences Companies and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announcing commitments to expand equitable access for ACT-A tools

*Immediate gap is now US\$ 14 Billion, including for Diagnostics, Therapeutics & the Health Systems Connector*

# The ACT-A Advocacy Campaign - planning into 2021



# Planning for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Facilitation Council (3 Nov)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> ACT-A Facilitation Council meeting

## Date/time:

3 November 2020, 12:30-14:30 (invitations to Ministers in process)

## Objectives:

To **align on immediate advocacy priorities** for Council Members

To facilitate **resourcing decisions** ahead of Paris Peace Forum & G20 Summit

## Working agenda :

1. Overview of the rapid progress in diagnostics, vaccines & therapeutics
2. Update on the urgent and overall financial requirements (by Pillar)
3. Strengthening the ACT-A Investment Case and Advocacy Campaign

**Format:** Virtual meeting co-chaired by Norway & South Africa

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