The ACT-A Facilitation Council working proposal

WHO Member States COVID-19 Briefing
5 August 2020
RECAP: rapid early progress in the ACT-A ‘start-up phase’

**Vaccines**
- Broadest portfolio by geographies & tech platforms
- COVAX Vaccines Facility launched

**Therapeutics**
- 1st new treatment secured for LMICs
- 1’700 trials, 200 readouts & 25-30 priority assets

**Diagnostics**
- 50+ test kits in evaluation; 15+ added to WHO EUL
- EoI for rapid Point of Care tests

**Allocation**
- Draft Allocation Framework issued
RECAP: challenges heading into the next phase for ACT-A

At 4 August

Insufficient financing
US$ B rounded (Vaccines, Tx, Diagnostics only)

- Financing needs: $31 B
  - Vx: $3.4 B
  - Tx: $0.4 B
  - Dx: $28 B

- First pledging: 18
- Second pledging: 7
- Financing gap: 6

Inefficient vaccine distribution
Vaccine doses secured¹, M doses by 2021

- Domestic²: 1,000+
- Regional³: 400+
- Global (COVAX): 2,000

1. Based on publicly disclosed agreements
2. Cumulative numbers
3. European Commission Inclusive Vaccines Alliance

SOURCE: IMF Estimates; Press releases; OECD; WHO; World Bank; The Economist Intelligence Unit
**RECAP: ACT-A Facilitation Council functions**
(draft – for finalization at 1st meeting)

**Primary functions**

- Assist the ACT-A in addressing **key strategic, policy & financial issues**
- Actively engage in and champion at the highest levels, the **political advocacy and mobilization of resources** needed for ACT-A to deliver

**Secondary functions**

- Act as a sounding **board**
- **Provide political guidance** and inform ACT-A work
- Monitor, track and communicate the **ACT-A progress**
- **Communicate ACT-A progress** to donors and relevant global fora (e.g. G20, WHA, UNGA)
- Mobilize the **broad community** of stakeholders and **engage with civil society**
- Monitor the **best use of resources** pledged by donors and **risks**
RECAP: Council principles, composition, ways of working

Principles:
- small, agile & time-limited (12-18 months)
- high-level representation
- enabling & facilitating (decision-making rests with partner Boards)

Composition:
- Governments (20-25): founding donors, market shapers, regional political & economic cooperation groups
- Co-hosts: WHO & European Commission
- Non-Government ACT-A partners: BMGF, Wellcome Trust
- Standing invitees: ACT-A Envoys, CSOs, Industry

Ways of working:
- monthly/quarterly virtual meetings (TBD)
- ACT-A Hub as secretariat
- informed by Member States (COVID briefings), WHO STAG-IH, CSOs, Donor Facilitation Group, international organizations
**ACT-A structure:** high level overview of roles

- **ACT-A Facilitation Council**
  - political guidance, advocacy, monitoring resources & progress

- **ACT-A Co-conveners & Principals**
  - align & implement the Pillar work

- **Workstream & sub-workstream leads**
  - technical & operational work of Pillar

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- **ACT-A Hub**
- **ACT-A Facilitation Council**
- **Steering Group**
  - Vaccines
  - Therapeutics
  - Diagnostics
- **Health Systems Connector**
ACT-A Council: engagement with key actors

WHO Member States
(weekly MSCOVID19 briefings)

Donors
(via EC-convened donor facilitation group)

Industry/private sector
(via product Pillars, Health Systems Connector)

Civil Society & Comm. Orgs
(Access Workstream, Product Pillars, Health Systems Connector)

STAG-IH
(incl. WHO COVID expert networks & academia)

UN/International Orgs
(incl. WHO-chaired UN Crisis Mgt Team)
ACT-A Council: proposal for discussion

Governments

Regional groups (10)
- Arab League
- Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- African Union (AU)
- Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
- Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)
- Forum of Small States (FOSS)
- New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD)
- Organization of American States (OAS)
- Pacific Island Forum (PIF)
- South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

Founding Donors (9)
- Canada
- France
- Germany (EU)
- Italy
- Japan
- Norway
- Saudi Arabia (G20)
- Spain
- United Kingdom

Market Shapers (6)
- Brazil
- China
- India
- Russia
- South Africa
- USA

Non-government partners
- World Bank
- BMGF
- Wellcome Trust

Co-hosts
- WHO
- European Commission

Envoys & Invitees
- ACT-A Special Envoys
- CSO x 2
- Industry x 2
Next Steps:
Timeline to 1st meeting of the ACT-A Facilitation Council

- **Week of 27 of July**: Introduce principles
- **Week of 3 of August**: Review membership
- **Week of 24 of August**: Send materials
- **1st week September**: Convene 1st Council meeting
Next steps:

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