The ACT-Accelerator
Overview of selected issues

WHO Member States COVID-19 Briefing
13 August 2020
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## RECAP: rapid & important progress in ACT-A ‘start-up phase’

### Vaccines
- **Brodest 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
- Effective rapid **Antigen tests** already emerging

### Allocation
- **Draft Allocation Framework** issued
ACT-A Budget & Financing: overview

• The current budget for the 3 ACT-A ‘product pillars’ is **US$31.3 B**

• **Two pledging events** for the COVID-19 response also raised funds for ACT-A (4 May; 27 June)

• To date, a total of **US$2.6 B** of these pledges have been confirmed for ACT-A partners

• A further **US$0.6 B** is under discussion
Of US$17.9B raised for COVID-19 in 2 pledging events, $2.6B is confirmed for ACT-A; $0.6B is under discussion

**Pledges breakdown** – in US$ (rounded)  
(as of 12 Aug 2020)

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<th>Total pledged Other COVID-19 response</th>
<th>Unallocated</th>
<th>Under validation</th>
<th>Validated for ACT-A¹</th>
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<td>Other COVID-19 response</td>
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<td>($0.6B)</td>
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<td>($2.6B)</td>
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Source: Global Citizen public data at 27 June ($6.8B excl. in kind contributions) ; Final report of EC Pledging Conference as of 28 May ($11M) ; Feedback from donors.

¹ all figures rounded up to the closest decimal  
² Not including France commitment of $100M to be disbursed when a vaccine is available
**ACT-A Council: summary of feedback received**

**On composition**
- ensure manageable size (reduce if possible)
- include key market shapers
- ensure LMICs represented
- consider observer status (or open proceedings)

**On ways of working**
- ensure ToRs reflect a strategic focus
- clarify who will represent Regional blocks
- clarify rights of each group / chairmanship
- clarify level of representation on the Council
# ACT-A Council: composition

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<td>• League of Arab States: Bahrain</td>
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<td>• Brazil</td>
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<td>• Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN): Vietnam</td>
<td>• France</td>
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<td>• African Union (AU): South Africa(^1)</td>
<td>• Germany</td>
<td>• India</td>
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<td>• Caribbean Community (CARICOM): Barbados(^2)</td>
<td>• Italy</td>
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<td>• Japan</td>
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<td>• Forum of Small States: Singapore</td>
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<td>• New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD): Rwanda</td>
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<td>• Pacific Island Forum (PIF): Tuvalu</td>
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<td>• South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation: Nepal</td>
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**Total (38)**

**Co-hosts**

- World Health Organization & European Commission

**Non-government partners**

- World Bank
- BMGF
- Wellcome Trust

**Envoys & Invitees**

- Special Envoys x 2
- CSO x 2
- Industry x 2

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\(^1\) also a market shaper

\(^2\) original founding member of ACT-A
Next Steps: ACT-A Council

Week ending 14 August
Finalize Membership

Week ending 21 August
Invite Council members

Week ending 28 August
Send meeting documents

2nd September (proposed)
Convene 1st Council meeting
Global Allocation Framework: next steps

- **6 July**: Initial draft of Allocation Framework (incl. Vx Mechanism)
- **17 Aug**: Revised draft to be circulated following feedback of Member State & interested parties
- **24 Aug**: Comments due to WHO Access & Allocation Lead, ADG Mariângela SIMÃO via MSCOV19@who.int
- **3 Sept**: Final working version of WHO Allocation Framework for COVID-19 Health Products to be shared