ACT Accelerator
Report of the Facilitation Council Co-Chairs

WHO MS COVID-19 Briefing
15 October 2020
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1. recap of 1st Facilitation Council meeting

2. work of the Co-Chairs

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# RECAP: ACT-A Facilitation Council composition

## 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
- 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
- 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

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1. USA & World Bank observers to the Council meeting
2. South Africa is also a market shaper & founding member
3. founding member
RECAP: Highlights of 1st ACT-A Facilitation Council (10 Sept)

• Council, Co-Chairs and ToRs\textsuperscript{1} 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:
  
  o emphasis on **urgency, solidarity, inclusivity, transparency, science**, and importance of the full **integrated ACT-A portfolio**
  
  o broad endorsement and support for **ACT-A Plan & Investment Case**
  
  o agreement on **Outcome Statement**

• Set the stage set for **ACT-A at UNGA, G20 & other international fora**

\textsuperscript{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
RECAP: 1st 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…’

Available at: https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/10-09-2020-statement-from-the-first-act-accelerator-facilitation-council-meeting
Work of the Co-Chairs since the 1st 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)
Advocacy Developments since the 1st 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)

**European & global media**
Global newswire and national papers in
Brussels, Germany, The Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Japan and the UK.

**Op-eds**
Across Europe, Middle East and Asia.

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**The Guardian**

*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**

"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”

**US News**

Gates Foundation, Pharmaceutical Companies Join to Advance Coronavirus Vaccines

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 COVID19 interventions”

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**Zeit Online**

Deutschland stockt Hilfen für UN-Impffilanz auf

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

**De Morgen**

WHO keurt goedkope Covid-19-snellaat goed: al na kwartier resultaat

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**Op-eds**

Across Europe, Middle East and Asia.

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**The Telegraph**

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

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**La Stampa**

Sale l'allarme, investiamo per il vaccino

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**El País**

Billionaire R. B. apple to finance the expansion of a COVID-19 vaccine

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**Bil-Jinnah**

Bil-Jinnah to finance the expansion of a COVID-19 vaccine

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**El País**

United Nations chief urges global action to get vital drugs and vaccines to fight the virus

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**The Guardian**

UN needs ‘immediate infusion’ of $15 bn for global vaccine fund

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**France 24**

U.N. chief calls for global action to help fund global COVID-19 vaccine effort
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

GOAL: close $35B financing gap by March 2021

- Commitment grows & funding gap narrows
- Financiers reinforce economic case & start to respond
- World leaders catalyze a step-change in support for ACT-A
- Awareness of ACT-A raised among key Finance, Trade, & Health influencers
- Move toward political consensus for coordinated global response

ACT-A Facilitation Council launched

- 10 Sep

- ACT-A Facilitation Council meeting
- 3 Nov

- IMF & World Bank annual meetings
- 21 Oct

- World Health Summit, Germany
- 25-27 Oct

- G20 Leader’s summit
- 21-22 Nov

- Paris Peace Forum
- 10-12 Nov

- 2nd ACT-A Facilitation Council meeting
- 3 Nov

- G20 Finance & Central Bank Ministers meeting
- 14 Oct

- UNGA high-level side event on ACT-A
- 30 Sep

- G20 Trade Ministers meeting
- 22 Sep

- Joint meeting of G20 Finance & Health Ministers
- 17 Sep

- Munich Security Conference
- 21-22 Feb

- IFI spring meetings
- tbc

- ACT-A event (G7/G20?)
- tbc

- 2nd ACT-A Facilitation Council meeting
- 3 Nov

2021

2020

completed
Planning for the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Facilitation Council (3 Nov)
2nd 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