



Immunization Agenda 2030

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Honorable Chair, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests,

I have the honor to present the State of Kuwait's national statement under agenda item 11.4.

The State of Kuwait thanks the Director General for his report.

We acknowledge the progress made in 2022 and the "Big Catch-up" initiative. Kuwait is dedicated to global vaccination efforts impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and we are committed to equitable vaccine access, particularly in low-income regions, towards achieving the Immunization Agenda 2030 goals.

Since the 1960s, Kuwait has shown unwavering dedication to public health through successful vaccination campaigns against diseases like smallpox, polio, and measles. In 2024, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of The Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI). Established in 1974 the (EPI) has been a cornerstone, providing free vaccinations to all children.



Kuwait's Immunization policies are well aligned with Immunization Agenda 2030's six strategic priorities. We have maintained high immunization coverage, effectively preventing outbreaks and ensuring community health. Our rapid response to vaccination disruptions during the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated our resilience. We guarantee free and equitable vaccine access to all children, regardless of nationality.

Our integration of immunization with broader health services has strengthened our healthcare system. We regularly update our national immunization schedule to include new vaccines and cover all ages, reflecting our commitment to life-course immunization. Additionally, our investment in sustainable financing and vaccine supply chains ensures the long-term viability of our efforts.

Technological advancements, such as the integration of immunization records into digital IDs, have enhanced vaccine delivery and tracking efficiency. However, we recognize that challenges such as public vaccine hesitancy persist. These challenges are being addressed through targeted public health communication and education campaigns to build trust and awareness.



Looking forward, Kuwait plans to further enhance its immunization framework by introducing new vaccines, strengthening cold chain systems, and expanding global health collaborations. These efforts are geared towards maintaining high vaccination rates and are pivotal in Kuwait's ongoing commitment to achieving the goals of the Immunization Agenda 2030 and ensuring the health and safety of our population.

This proactive approach aims not only to continue the legacy of effective immunization but also to contribute to global health security by aligning with international health objectives.

Thank you, Chair.