



Meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization

22-25 September 2025

Hybrid Meeting

WHO HQ (Geneva)

Draft Agenda

| Day 1: Monday, 22 September 2025 (time is Central European Time (CET)) | | | |
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| Time CET | Session | Purpose of session, target outcomes and questions for SAGE | Duration |
| 9:00 | Closed SAGE meeting | Preparation of the sessions of the day. | 1h 45 min. |
| 10:45 | Break | Break | 15 min. |
| 11:00 | Opening and welcome – introduction of participants J. FARRAR. ADG/UHL. WHO. 5 min. H. NOHYNEK. SAGE chair. 5 min. J. HOMBACH. SAGE Secretariat. WHO. 5 min. | | 15 min. |
| 11:15 | Global and regional reports – Session 1 Report from the Director of IVB. K. O'BRIEN. WHO. 20 min. Update from Gavi. S. NISHTAR. Chief Executive Officer, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. 10 min. Discussion. 40 min. | FOR INFORMATION | 1h 10 min. |
| 12:25 | Lunch Break | Break | 1h |
| 13:25 | Global and regional reports – Session 1 Continue: Regional reports Presentations from AFRO, EMRO, EURO. 10 min. each. Discussion. 25 min. Presentations from PAHO, WPRO, SEARO. 10 min. each. Discussion. 25 min. | FOR DISCUSSION Each Regional report focuses one theme of particular importance for the Region | 1h 50 min. (3h 15 min. in total) |
| 15:15 | Break | Break | 15 min. |
| 15:30 | Update on changing landscape- Session 1 Continue | - UPDATE AND DISCUSSION | 30 min. |
| 16:00 | IA2030 annual progress report – Session 2 | FOR DISCUSSION Purpose of the session is to: | 2h |
| 18:00 | End of day 1 | | |

| Day 2: Tuesday, 23 September 2025 | | | |
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| Time CET | Session | Purpose of session, target outcomes and questions for SAGE | Duration |
| 9:00 | Closed SAGE meeting | Development of recommendations of day 1. Preparation of the sessions of the day. Other important discussion items. | 1h 45 min. |
| 10:45 | Break | Break | 15 min. |
| 11:00 | Covid-19 – Session 3 | FOR RECOMMENDATION - | 2h |
| 13:00 | Lunch Break | Break | 1h |
| 14:00 | TB – Session 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction – 5 min • Overview of the activities under the TB Vaccine Accelerator Council – 10 min • Overview of the TB vaccine pipeline, timelines and key assumptions – 10 min • Presentation from the TAG on the key learnings from the technical consultations with developers – 20 min • Roadmap for including asymptomatic TB as an efficacy endpoint – 10 min • SAGE discussion – 65 min | FOR DISCUSSION The purpose of the session is to update SAGE on the activities taking place under the TB Vaccine Accelerator Council, to provide an overview of the TB vaccine pipeline and to discuss with SAGE the potential risk of product development strategies and feasibility of a global policy recommendation for the most advanced candidates for global access. | 2h |
| 16:00 | Break | Break | 15 min. |
| 16:15 | Combination Vaccines– Session 5 | FOR DISCUSSION Present the approach, framework and early results for identifying potential priority vaccine combinations. | 1h 30 min. |
| 17:45 | End of day 2 | | |

| Day 3: Wednesday, 24 September 2025 | | | |
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| Time CET | Session | Purpose of session, target outcomes and questions for SAGE | Duration |
| 9:00 | Closed SAGE meeting | Development of recommendations of day 2. Preparation of the sessions of the day. Other important discussion items. | 1h 45 min. |
| 10:45 | Break | Break | 15 min. |
| 11:00 | Polio– Session 5 | FOR Recommendation bOPV cessation; use of fractional Sabin based IPV; and on potential use of novel OPV2 in routine immunization in specific situations. | 2h |
| 13:00 | Lunch Break | Break | 1h |
| 14:00 | Update on Malaria-Session 6 | FOR RECOMMENDATION During this review, they will consider different dosing regimens for potential updates to the WHO recommended schedules, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 vs 4 doses in age-based delivery approach ▪ 6+ vs 5 doses in seasonal delivery approach (additional annual doses) | 1h 30 min. (3h 30 min. in total) |
| 15:30 | Break | Break | 15 min. |
| 15:45 | Update on Malaria-Session 6 continued | FOR RECOMMENDATION | 2h |
| 17:45 | End of day 3 | | |

| Day 4: Thursday, 25 September 2025 | | | |
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| Time CET | Session | Purpose of session, target outcomes and questions for SAGE | Duration |
| 9:00 | Closed SAGE meeting | Development of recommendations of day 3. Preparation of the sessions of the day. Other important discussion items. | 1h 45 min. |
| 10:45 | Break | Break | 15 min. |
| 11:00 | Influenza H5- Session 7 | FOR RECOMMENDATION | 2h |
| 13:00 | CLOSING | | |
| 13:10 | END OF THE PLENARY MEETING | | |
| 13:10 | Break | Break | 50 min. |
| 14:00 | Closed SAGE meeting | Development of recommendations of the day 4 morning session. | 30 min. |

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| 14:30 | <div> <div>Closed SAGE members only meeting</div> <div>Closed meeting (RITAG Chairs, Regional advisors and SAGE secretariat)</div> </div> | <i>Both meetings are in parallel</i> | 1h 30 min. |
| 16:00 | Closing (SAGE members and SAGE secretariat) | | 30 min. |
| 16:30 | END OF THE SAGE MEETING | | |