



The Power of Prevention – Immunizing for a Safer, Healthier World: An Opportunity to Accelerate Measles and Rubella Elimination through System Strengthening

Friday, 23 May 2025 | 18:00 – 19:20 | Reception to Follow

United Nations Palais des Nations, Salle XXV

Opening by Moderator: Mr. Jarrett Barrios, Senior Vice-President, American Red Cross

Welcoming Remarks: Mr. Jagan Chapagain, IFRC Secretary General

WHO Vision: (TBC) Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director-General

Context Setting: Dr. Sania Nishtar, CEO, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

Theme 1: Building political will and commitment to overcome health inequities by ensuring all children are reached with measles and rubella vaccination; thereby preventing measles outbreaks, and child mortality and disability due to measles and rubella

Moderated by the Gates Foundation (TBC)

- (TBC) His Excellency Dr. Samuel-Roger Kamba, Minister of Public Health, Hygiene and Prevention, **Democratic Republic of the Congo**
- (TBC) His Excellency Dr. Hilal bin Ali bin Hilal Alsabti, Minister of Health, Sultanate of **Oman**
- Ms. Grace Melia, Mother's Viewpoint, Republic of **Indonesia**
- **UNICEF** Perspective: Dr. Dr. Yasmin Haque, Director of Health

Audience Reflections Highlighting the WHO African Regional Director

- Dr Chikwe Ihekweazu, Acting Regional Director, **WHO African Regional Office**
- Audience perspectives and comments

Theme 2: Fostering local partnerships and participation to drive equitable access to all immunizations and to strengthen routine immunization

Moderated by Mr. Jarrett Barrios, American Red Cross

- (TBC) His Excellency Dr. Ali Haji Adam Abubakar, Minister of Health and Human Services, Federal Republic of **Somalia**
- Her Excellency Madame Doctor Colonel Assa Badialo TOURE, Minister of Health and Social Development, Republic of **Mali**
- (TBC) His Excellency Dr. Alexandre Padilha, Minister of Health, Federative Republic of **Brazil**

Audience Reflections Highlighting WHO/PAHO Regional Director

- Dr Jarbas Barbosa, Regional Director, **PAHO/Americas Regional Office**
- Audience perspectives and comments

Call to Action: Mr. Jarrett Barrios, American Red Cross

Closing Remarks: WHO & IFRC

Co-Hosted by Somalia, the IFRC, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; Gates Foundation; UNICEF, and the United Nations Foundation on Behalf of the Measles & Rubella Partnership