***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**

Salle XXV, Palais des Nations

**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 Ms. Magdalena Robert, Deputy Director, Program Advocacy and Communications, Polio & Vaccine Delivery, Gates Foundation

* HE Madame Doctor Colonel Assa Badialo Toure, Minister of Health and Social Development, Republic of **Mali**
* (TBC) HE Dr Samuel-Roger Kamba, Minister of Public Health, Hygiene and Prevention, **Democratic Republic of the Congo**
* Ms. Grace Melia, Mother’s Viewpoint, Republic of **Indonesia**
* **UNICEF** Perspective: 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

* HE Dr Ali Haji Adam Abubakar, Minister of Health and Human Services, Federal Republic of **Somalia**
* HE Dr Hilal bin Ali bin Hilal Alsabti, Minister of Health, Sultanate of **Oman**

Audience Reflections Highlighting WHO/PAHO Regional Director

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

**Call to Action:** Dr Mary Agócs, **IFRC**

**Closing Remarks:** IFRC

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