

On the sidelines of the 78th World Health Assembly

BRIDGING THE GAP - GLOBAL COLLABORATION FOR GROUP A STREPTOCOCCUS VACCINES

DATE

Tuesday, 20 May 2025
Event 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Breakfast from 7:30 a.m.

LOCATION

Warwick Geneva Hotel
Geneva, Switzerland



EVENT AGENDA

Breakfast

Welcome and Opening remarks

Dr. Jerome Kim, Director General, International Vaccine Institute

High level remarks: Burden of Strep A infections, long-term consequences in LMICs and HICs, and mitigation strategies

Dr. Karin Tegmark Wisell, Ambassador for Global Health, Sweden

Dr. Youngmee Jee, Commissioner, Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency

TBC – Representative, Denmark

Country situation reports

Dr. Mike Nenani Chisema, Deputy Director for Community and Promotive Health Services, Ministry of Health, Malawi

Dr. Ussene Hilario Isse, Minister of Health, Mozambique

Prof. Annelies Wilder-Smith, World Health Organization

Questions and discussion

Introduction to SAVAC 2.0

Dr. Jerome Kim, Director General, International Vaccine Institute

Panel discussion: Needs and opportunities for the development of Strep A vaccines

This panel discussion will explore the progress and challenges in Strep A vaccine development, the importance of enhanced surveillance and diagnostics for early detection, and the critical role of international partnerships and policy frameworks. It will also highlight the need for coordinated funding strategies to drive vaccine development forward.

Moderator: Prof. Elijah Ogola, World Heart Federation

Panellists:

- Prof. Annelies Wilder Smith, World Health Organization
- Dr. Mike Nenani Chisema, Malawi
- Dr. Ussene Hilario Isse, Mozambique
- Representative, Co-sponsoring country

Closing remarks

Dr. Jerome Kim, Director General, International Vaccine Institute