

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

MC: Dr. Annette Kraus, Senior Research Scientist, International Vaccine Institute
Dr. Jerome H. Kim, Director General, International Vaccine Institute

High level remarks: Burden of Strep A infections, long-term consequences in low- and middle-income and high-income countries, and mitigation strategies

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

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

Dr. Eduardo Samo Gudo, Director General, National Institute of Health, Mozambique

Dr. Issak Bashir, Head, Department of Family Health, Ministry of Health, Kenya

Group photo

Global and country situation reports

Dr. Pierre Gsell, World Health Organization

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

Questions and discussion

Introduction to SAVAC 2.0

Dr. Jerome H. 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. Eduardo Samo Gudo, Director General, National Institute of Health, Mozambique
- Dr. Issak Bashir, Head, Department of Family Health, Ministry of Health, Kenya

Closing remarks

Dr. Jerome H. Kim, Director General, International Vaccine Institute