



79th World Health Assembly OFFICIAL SIDE EVENT

Call to Action for Advancing Biomanufacturing Self-Reliance: From Policy to Practice in Local Manufacturing

Wednesday, 20 May 2026 18:00-19:30 | Palais des Nations Salle XI, Geneva



Agenda

The event is open to all WHA badge holders without prior registration

Session	Speakers
Welcome and opening remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Teodoro Javier Herbosa, Secretary of Health, Republic of the Philippines Hon. Aden Duale, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health, Republic of Kenya
Keynote presentation	<p>The importance of end-to-end vaccine ecosystems and sustained investments and partnerships for preparedness, equity, and resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jerome H. Kim, Director General, International Vaccine Institute
Member state perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Republic of Korea Hoon Sang Lee, Chief Strategy Officer, RIGHT Foundation Republic of the Philippines Ana Liza P. Hombrado-Duran, Director IV, Research Institute for Tropical Medicine Republic of Kenya Wesley Ronoh, CEO, Kenya BioVax Institute
Panel discussion: Effective partnership models and lessons for scaling across regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sushant Sahastrabudhe, Associate Director General, International Vaccine Institute (Panel Chair) Priscila Ferraz Soares, Global Coalition for Local and Regional Production, Innovation and Equitable Access Rajinder Suri, CEO, Developing Countries Vaccine Manufacturers Network Michael Lusiola, Director, Regionalized Vaccine Manufacturing Collaborative Nafisa Jiwani, Director, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations
Key takeaways and closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jerome H. Kim, Director General, International Vaccine Institute
Networking reception; food and beverages provided	