

Updates from the Vaccine Manufacturing Working Group

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ACT-A Council VMWG Objectives | Support COVAX Taskforce by addressing political bottlenecks and barriers

- Address **supply chains for raw materials and vaccines**
- Identify and address all barriers, including legal and political, to **utilize existing and new production capacities in LMIC**
- Facilitate identification of **under-utilized/idle capacity** for viral vector, mRNA and other Vx technologies
- Facilitate solutions for **tech transfer** of approved products
- Unlock **political barriers** for increased manufacturing at the regional level
- Increase **information availability on Vx production and deliveries**
- Increase **transparency on the affordability of vaccines**, encourage Vx supplied to COVAX AMC are priced at the cost of goods and production
- Increase **political dialogue** and build global political consensus

Asks by COVAX Manufacturing Taskforce (1st meeting 22 June)

Workstream	Area of work
1 Improve input supply availability	<p>(a) Create awareness within local manufacturer and supplier community to encourage joining input supply marketplace after MVP launch</p> <p>(b) Support discussions with WCO and WTO to significantly accelerate expediting customs processes on critical input supplies</p> <p>(c) Facilitate rapid creation of needed bilateral agreements to ease import-export of input supplies on key routes</p>
2 Maximize mid-term manufacturing capacity	<p>(a) Postpone shift to single dose until we have brought the acute phase of the pandemic under control</p> <p>(b) Create awareness within local Vx manufacturer community and encourage reaching out to CEPI with F&F capacity needs and underutilized capacity</p> <p>(c) Lift any travel restrictions for critical workers</p>
3 New and expanded sustainable capacity in LMICs	<p>(a) Encourage approved tech holders to participate with their technology to the hub network being created (and facilitate licensing to all LMIC regions)</p> <p>(b) Support to coalesce and integrate parallel initiatives that could benefit from this effort (to receive technology, benefit from sustainable intra-pandemic support, etc.)</p> <p>(c) Support program and in-country resourcing needs</p>

Way of working and next steps

- WG to **meet fortnightly** with **COVAX TF** and as **WG alone**
- Next **discussion with the COVAX TF later today**, co-chairs have requested following focus:
 - Data on **global evidence** base on current **vaccine production capacity**
 - Overview other **initiatives on vaccine manufacturing**
 - **Deep-dive on Workstream #3** (long-term capacity, Hub-model)
- Develop **working plan** of WG
- Chairs plan to hold **round table with global industry**
- Chairs plan to **invite other initiatives on vaccine manufacturing**
- Reporting – Chairs **report to Facilitation Council**
- As requested at the last G20 meeting the Chairs will **report to the G20 Summit in Rome** (Oct 30-31) and will do so the same **when required to other plurilateral and multilateral bodies**