



FAIR, EQUITABLE AND TIMELY ALLOCATION OF COVID-19 VACCINES IN THE ARAB STATES/ Eastern Mediterranean Regions

Webinar – Monday 6 December 2021

10.00 am - 15.00 pm (Paris time)

11.00 am - 16.00 pm (Beirut time)

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Draft Agenda (Beirut time)

Master of ceremony: WHO

11.00 - 11.20 Opening Session

Chair: Prof Gamal Serour, Prof of Obstetrics & Gynaecology; Former Dean of Medicine, Al-Azhar University, Former FIGO President, Cairo, Egypt

- Ms. Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO
- Dr Ahmed Al Mandhari, Regional Director, WHO/EMRO
- Dr Maha Bekheit, Manager, Directorate of Intellectual Property, League of Arab States

11.20 - 12.00 Session 1 – Public Good, Solidarity & Building Capacity

Chair: Prof. Roland Tomb, Vice president, UNESCO IBC (Lebanon)

Vaccine access - Intellectual Property vs Public Good

- Dr Quamrul Hasan, Unit Head, Immunization Vaccine Preventable Diseases & Polio Transition, Division of Communicable Diseases Control, WHO/EMRO(TBC)

Ethical and Technical Considerations in Setting up and manufacturing vaccines in the Arab /EM Region

Professor Hechmi Louzir, Directeur, Institut Pasteur de Tunis, Tunisia (TBC)

12.00 - 12:40 Session 2 – Role of Data & Research

Chair: Dr. Mouin Hamze, Member of **UNESCO COMEST (Lebanon)**

- Dr. Eman Abd Elhakeem, UNESCO Chair on Bioethics, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt
- Dr Arash Rashidian, Director, Division of Science, Information and Dissemination, WHO/EMRO

12.40 - 13.30 Session 3- Ethical Principles and Realities of Vaccine Roll-out in Arab States/EMR

Chair: Dr. Ehsan-Shamsi Gooshki, **IBC member, Iran**

- ***Ethical considerations for Covid 19 vaccine roll out***

Dr Thalia Arawi, Salim El-Hoss Bioethics & Professionalism Program, American University of Beirut, Lebanon)

- ***Prioritization and vaccine selection***

Dr Sameen Siddiqi, Chairman, Dept of Community Health Sciences, Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan (TBC)

13.30-13.45 Break

Master of Ceremony: Dr. Seiko Sugita, UNESCO, Beirut

13.45 - 14.30 Session 4- Vaccine Hesitancy and Community Engagement (panel discussion)

Chair: Ms Maha Bekheit (LAS)

- Prof. Mohamed El Sheikh, UNESCO Chair on Ethics, Khartoum University, Sudan (TBC)
- Dr Samar Elfeky, Technical Officer, Division of Healthier Populations, WHO/EMRO
- Dr. Ahmed Khitami, Omani Bioethics Committee, Muscat, Oman

14.30 - 15.10 Session 5- Social Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic (panel discussion)

Chair: Dr. Azeema Fareed, COMSATS University, Pakistan

Social impact of COVID on education

- Professor Mohamed Al-Bar, King Abdul Aziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia(TBC)
- Dr Dalia Samhouri, Manager, Division of WHO Health Emergencies, WHO/EMRO
- Dr. Nijmeh Attiyat, Hashimite University, Jordan, IBC member

15.10 - 15.50 Session 6- Key Ethical Principles in Time of COVID-19 Pandemic and Vaccination

Chair: H.E. Prof. Mohamed Salah Ben Ammar, Former Minister of Health (Tunisia) and Former IBC Vice-President

- ***COVAX Facility and Global Solidarity***

Dr Ann Lindstrand, Coordinator, WHO Expanded Programme on Immunization, Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals, WHO/HQ

- ***UNESCO's Call for Global Vaccines Equity and Solidarity***

Prof. Herve Chneiweiss, Chairperson, UNESCO International Bioethics Committee

Prof. Peter-Paul Verbeek, Chairperson, UNESCO World COMEST

15.50 - 16.15 Take-home Messages, Closure and Vote of Thanks

- Dr. Seiko Sugita, UNESCO, Beirut

- Dr. Ahmed Mandil, WHO/EMRO

Closure and vote of thanks,