



HIGH-LEVEL VIRTUAL EVENT: Tackling Covid-19 together through the ACT-Accelerator

30 September, 8:30-10:00am EST

This high-level virtual event convened by the UN Secretary-General, and co-hosted by the United Kingdom and South Africa, and the World Health Organization, aims to build stronger political consensus for a **coordinated global response** to COVID-19, and champion the importance and urgency of equitable access to new tools, especially effective vaccines.

Ultimately, there needs to be a **quantum leap** in support for the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-Accelerator) to deliver the tools needed to accelerate the end of the pandemic.

PROGRAMME

SEGMENT	SPEAKERS
I. Opening	Opening remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General• Rt Hon. Dominic Raab, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs and First Secretary of State of the United Kingdom• H.E Dr Zwelini Mkhize, Minister of Health of South Africa• H.E. Ms. Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway• Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General• Mr. Bill Gates, Co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
II. Saving lives, protecting health systems and restarting the global economy – the need for a global and solidarity-based approach, starting immediately with existing and new ACT-A too	<i>Sir Jeremy Farrar, Director of the Wellcome Trust to introduce Session II</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E Park Neung-hoo, Minister of Health for the Republic of Korea• H.E Prof VijayRaghavan, Principal Scientific Advisor of India• Winnie Byanyima, UNAIDS, Executive Director• Gayle E Smith, One Campaign, President CEO
III. Bringing a global solution to life: realizing the full promise of the ACT Accelerator and its COVAX Global Vaccines Facility	Opening of session II by H.E Heng Swee Keat, Singapore Deputy Prime Minister, Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies and Minister for Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panel discussion:• Seth Berkley, Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance, CEO• Jane Halton, CEPI, Board Chair• Henrietta Fore, UNICEF, Executive Director• Ruud Dobber, Executive Vice President, AstraZeneca
IV. Closing remarks and way forward	Announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany• H.E Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada• H.E Stefan Löfven, Prime Minister of Sweden• Mr David Malpass, President, World Bank Group• Mr Alex Gorsky, Chairman and CEO of Johnson & Johnson Concluding remarks: UK and South Africa Closing remarks: Amina Mohammed, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General