



Equitable Access Committee meeting – 31 March 2022

Attendees: Cherry Kang, David Reddy, Soumya Swaminathan

CEPI staff: Emma Wheatley, Richard Hatchett, Frederik Kristensen, Mel Saville, Zesanatt Pequeno, Joseph Simmonds-Issler, Alexandru Rotar

Apologies: John Nkengasong, Charlotte Watts

In advance of the meeting the minutes from the previous EACs, a questionnaire for committee self-assessment and a list of proposed topics/priorities for 2022 were shared with the committee members.

Item 1: Approvals of the last minutes

The committee reviewed the last minutes and requested an additional week for validation and feedback before publishing. No further comments were made on the content.

Item 2: Topics to be brought to the EAC in 2022

Emma Wheatley presented a set of topics and priorities to be brought to the EAC during 2022. The Committee discussed the relevance and provided feedback on whether they aligned with CEPI's short and mid-term roadmap. The Committee agreed with the topics and suggested leaving some dates open for potentially new emerging topics. The Committee requested advocacy efforts to be part of the EA roadmap for 2022 and inquired about the publication plan of the Georgetown University report (Independent External Review of CEPI's COVID-19 Vaccine Development Agreements). Emma Wheatley confirmed that it would be uploaded to CEPI's website next week, accompanied by a blog from Richard Hatchett.

Item 3. EAC Activity Assessment

The committee noted that they could not complete the questionnaire sent in advance due to technical reasons. Emma Wheatley presented the points and overarching themes included in the questionnaire, and the Committee agreed for it to be re-sent through a tech platform for further completion. The Committee also discussed the self-assessment vs. an assessment conducted by the Board for evaluating the EAC's activity. The decision was made to run both types of assessments in parallel and then share with the EAC.

Item 4. People Vaccines Alliance letter

Emma Wheatley informed the EAC about the Peoples Vaccine Alliance inquiry and shared a response letter drafted by the CEPI Secretariat. The EAC discussed the inquiry and provided feedback on the proposed communication.