



Report to the GAVI Alliance Board

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Subject:	Consent Agenda: Committee chair nominations
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Category:	For Decision
Strategic goal:	Alliance operations

Section A: Overview

1 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 This report informs the Board of the Governance Committee's recommendations for committee chairships.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Governance Committee recommended to the GAVI Alliance Board that it:

(a) **Reappoint** the following chairs of the committees:

- **Wayne Berson** as Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee until 31 December 2014.
- **George W. Wellde, Jr** as Chair of the Investment Committee until 31 December 2014.
- **Richard Sezibera** as Chair of the Programme and Policy Committee until 31 December 2015.
- **Sania Nishtar** as Chair of the Evaluation Advisory Committee until 31 December 2014.

The minutes will note that candidates for these positions did not participate in discussion and voting on their appointments.

The minutes will note that Dagfinn Høybråten (Executive Committee) and Geeta Rao Gupta (Governance Committee) are statutorily

appointed to chair their respective committees. They will also note that Geeta Rao Gupta is also statutorily appointed as Vice Chair of the Executive Committee.

3 Executive summary

- 3.1 The Chairs of the Executive Committee and the Governance Committee are statutorily appointed by virtue of their positions as Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, respectively. The other committee chairs must be appointed by the Board.
- 3.2 In June 2013, the Board extended the terms for which committee chairs and members could be appointed to two years. Two year terms are therefore incorporated in the recommendations unless the particular Board member's term is ending prior to that or unless otherwise requested.
- 3.3 On 9 April, the Secretary circulated a note reminding Board members that committee nominations would be due on 14 October. The Board Chair circulated a similar note on 5 August. Finally, the Secretary circulated a note on 15 October extending the deadline to 24 October and specifically noted that if she received "no new nominations for chairing committees, the current occupants will be renewed." No new nominations (or resignations) were received and so the current slate of chairs is being proposed.

4 Risk implication and mitigation

- 4.1 There are no apparent risks.

5 Financial implications: Business plan and budgets

- 5.1 There are no financial implications.

Section B: Implications

6 Impact on countries

- 6.1 There is no programmatic impact on GAVI-eligible countries.

7 Impact on GAVI stakeholders

- 7.1 There is no impact on stakeholders.

8 Impact on Secretariat

- 8.1 There is no impact on the Secretariat.

9 Legal and governance implications

- 9.1 Governance implications are covered throughout this paper.

10 Consultation

10.1 The Board was consulted on 9 April, 5 August, and 15 October 2013; the Governance Committee was consulted on 4 November 2013.

11 Gender implications

11.1 The Guidelines on the Board Gender Balance are silent with regards to committee chairship. The recommendation would result in four men (67%) and two women (33%) serving as committee chairs.