



**World Health  
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# **WHO COVID-19 Vaccines Research Forum**

6 April 2021

14:00 – 16:00 Central European Time CET

**DRAFT Agenda**



**R&D Blueprint**

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## Objectives of the monthly forum

The goals of these regular meetings are:

- To provide rapid updates of COVID-19 vaccine research progress against WHO R&D Blueprint roadmap priorities with the ability to pivot given dynamic research needs.
- To encourage and facilitate the rapid dissemination and open discussion of research protocols and emerging results.

**Chairperson – Philip Krause**

Time	Topic	Speakers
14:00 – 14:05	Welcome remarks and outlining objectives of the monthly calls	Philip Krause
<b>What's new? Updates from WHO Working Groups</b>		
14:05 – 14:20	WHO Decision framework for assessing the impact of SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern on public health interventions	Sylvie Briand
14:20 – 14:35	Assays: challenges for studies with <u>only</u> immunological endpoints	(TBC) on behalf of the WHO Working Group
14:35 – 14:50	Animal Models and variants: what is next?	(TBC) on behalf of the WHO Working Group
14:50 – 15:05	Solidarity Vaccine Trial - a protocol to expand availability of vaccines	Phil Krause/Ana Maria Henao-Restrepo on behalf of the Trial Steering Group
14:05 – 14:20	Hybrid study designs: can they help address the perceived challenges of randomized trials today?	Thomas Fleming
14:20 – 14:35	Sieve analysis and their relevance for randomized and non-randomised trials	Ira Longini
14:35 – 14:50	Regulatory convergence: updates	Rogério Gaspar /David Wood
14:50 – 15:00	Hot questions from the audience (3 questions selected by the Chairperson)	Plenary
<b>Vaccine developers' corner: Current research plans (including related to variants)</b>		
15:00 – 15:30	Open to developers to share any plans or critical findings (5-10 minutes each)	Scot Roberts (Altimmune) Guido Grandi (University of Trento) Jeff Wolf (Heat Biologics) Farshad Guirakhoo (Vaxxinity)
<b>What's new? Updates from the partners</b>		
15:30 – 15:50	Critical updates from the partners	CEPI: representative GLOPID-R: Charu Kaushic NIH: Mary Marovich
15:50 - 16:00	Main take home messages	Philip Krause
<b>16:00</b>	<b>End of meeting</b>	