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

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| I. **Opening** | **Opening remarks:**  
- 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** | **Sir Jeremy Farrar, Director of the Wellcome Trust to introduce Session II**  
- 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  
**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:**  
- 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 |