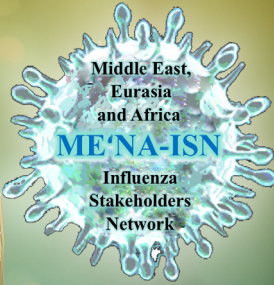


Rerouting Influenza Prevention Through Groundbreaking Innovation



Call-to-Action Paper Meeting

 **3rd** May 2025

 Meeting room 4 & Boardroom 1
Conrad Hotel - Dubai

 **06:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

Collaborators:  

Dear Participants,

On behalf of the Middle East, Eurasia, and Africa Influenza Stakeholders Network (ME'NA-ISM), it is my distinct honor to formally invite you to participate as an expert in our upcoming

Call-to-Action Paper Meeting entitled:

"GCC Call to action on the importance of vaccinating healthy population against Influenza: LAIV an innovative solution to improve vaccine coverage rates and positive societal impact."

This closed expert session will be convened on **Saturday, 3rd of May 2025, at 06:00 PM, in Conrad Hotel, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.**

This forum will bring together a select group of regional experts to collaboratively develop a Call-to-Action paper addressing key priorities in influenza prevention & vaccination with focus on LAIV.

We would be honored by your participation and contribution to this important initiative, given your expertise and leadership in the field.

Key objectives:

- Evaluate the current burden of influenza disease in the region and identify vaccination coverage gaps.
- Emphasize the broader health and societal impacts of influenza beyond respiratory illnesses.
- Highlight the importance of vaccinating healthy populations, particularly children, as a strategy for community-level protection.
- Review and synthesizing scientific evidence regarding the efficacy, safety, and immunogenicity of LAIV.
- Explore programmatic implementation models, including school-based and primary care approaches.
- Identify barriers to uptake, including regulatory, logistical, and behavioral challenges.
- Develop a practical checklist to guide safe and efficient targeting of populations for vaccination with LAIV.
- Draft evidence-informed policy and programmatic recommendations to be included in the final call to action paper.

Logistical support:

To facilitate your participation, ME'NA-ISM is pleased to provide support for:

- Round-trip economy-class airfare (for participants traveling from outside the UAE)
- Local transportation between the airport, hotel, and meeting venue
- Two nights (2-3 May 2025) of hotel accommodation
- Meals and per diem allowance during the meeting

Please note that these arrangements are applicable to eligible participants as determined by ME'NA-ISM.

We kindly request your confirmation of attendance at **your earliest convenience**. Upon confirmation, our team will coordinate all relevant logistical arrangements and provide detailed session materials.

Should you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact:

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We would be delighted to have your participation and look forward to welcoming you to Dubai.

Yours sincerely,
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