CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Join the Gavi CSO Steering Committee!

8 Vacancies open on the Gavi Civil Society Organisation (CSO) Constituency Steering Committee

Deadline for nominations: 31st May, 2022, 23:59 EA-Time

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, supports a robust Civil Society Constituency to advise Gavi on its policies and practices, it supports the implementation of Gavi’s activities and ensures that the views of civil society are heard and engaged throughout the Alliance’s business.

The Gavi CSO Constituency has a 21-member Steering Committee (including CSO reps at Gavi PPC and Board). The structure and responsibilities of the Steering Committee are outlined in the Constituency’s Charter.

Membership on the Gavi CSO Steering Committee is organisational. SC member organisations are selected based on the priority they give to vaccination and child health issues, available time, technical expertise, and representation of the broad and diverse civil society spectrum. Specific attention is paid to country of origin and to achieving a balance between advocacy and service-delivery organisations. The SC is committed to maintain a gender and geographical diversity amongst its members. Organisations serving on the Steering Committee are appointed to serve a single, non-renewable, three-year term.

Why joining the Gavi CSO Steering Committee?

- The opportunity to represent the broader constituency of CSOs and jointly advocate that every person be reached with vaccination and basic health services, wherever they are and regardless of their origin, gender, age and social status, defending the principle of leaving no one behind.
- The opportunity to attend and contribute to our global, regional and in country activities and events related to immunisation and health systems strengthening
- Ability to share information on your work with a global group also active in immunisation.
- Ability to feed into Constituency wide communications activities and coordinate activities around events such as World Immunisation Week, UHC Day, Gavi high level events, etc.
- Receive regular news and updates on the constituency website, Facebook age and Twitter feed to facilitate sharing of innovative ideas and good practices, lessons learnt and other information.
- The ability to send your own organization’s news, press releases, events, and notes from the field for posting on the Gavi CSO website and social media interfaces.
- The opportunity to provide CSO feedback on Gavi Board policy papers and discussions and influence strategies to ensure CSO voices are taken into account at PPC and GAVI board meetings.
Submitting a nomination:

All interested organisations should first read the Gavi CSO Constituency Charter in its entirety. Individuals with experience and expertise in the following areas are sought:

- Experience in National and sub-national implementation of immunisation and/or health programmes serving underserved communities
- Ability to collect and communicate country and sub-national experiences regarding CSOs as implementers, TA providers, or advocates
- Expertise in immunization program policy development, monitoring and evaluation, health systems strengthening, immunization financing and health economics
- Experience in advocacy, social accountability, communication and resource mobilisation for health
- Knowledge of pharmaceutical industry
- Experience of working in nursing associations or any other health related associations

Qualifications & Profile sought

- Medical Doctor, Nursing or any other medical degree
- Health economists
- Behavioural Science and Communications experts
- Youth associations members
- Women associations members
- Advocates for PHC/UHC

Roles and responsibilities of the Steering Committee members:

Representatives serving on the Gavi CSO Steering Committee are asked to:

- Represent their Organization and share its views and their own views with the Steering Committee
- Actively engage in Immunisation Coordination Committee, and other national and subnational coordination committees as applicable in your context
- Actively participate in CSO Steering Committee monthly calls and bi-annual meetings and provide key inputs in the focused areas of work: advocacy and accountability, demand generation and CSO constituency engagement.
- Keep their organization informed about Gavi and the CSO Constituency and the Steering Committee
- Work with other CSOs and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) to share Gavi and Immunization-related information; participate in key Gavi-related country-level discussions; consult with other CSOs and NGOs in your country on key issues related to immunisation, represent their views during SC meetings and keep them informed of outcomes and next steps.
- If appropriate, meet and share information with WHO and UNICEF representatives in country, as well as with other key actors in immunization and HSS; collect and share country-level information with the Steering Committee and Gavi, strengthen the dialogue between global and local organisations collaboration.
The Gavi CSO Steering Committee wishes to increase the representation from vulnerable, marginalised communities and is hence encouraging nominations of front line health workers (or associations), and representatives from fragile settings, urban poor communities and rural remote or mobile populations.

Nominees must have experience in issues that are a priority for the current immunisation agenda globally. There is an increasing importance being placed on increasing coverage and equity, market shaping for vaccine and related products and integration with links to PHC and UHC. Information on Gavi’s goals can be found [here](#).

The organisational representative serving on the SC must have authority to represent the organisation. Where the organisation is part of a larger body of associated organisations, the SC representative must have permission to speak on behalf of the larger entity. The representative must also have their organisation’s support and approval to commit a minimum of 10% of their time to the work of the SC and that of the wider Constituency. **SC members are expected to be actively and meaningfully engaged throughout their tenure.**

Because the working language of the Gavi CSO Steering Committee is English, all nominees must have a strong command of English, both spoken and written. Additional language skills, such as French, Spanish, Arabic or Portuguese are considered as real assets.

**The call for nominations is open until 31st May, 2022. Please submit your nomination in full to David.Kawai@Amref.org. We will acknowledge receipt of nomination on or shortly after 31st May, 2022.**

**Nominations must be:**

- in English
- in Word format (pdf files will not be accepted)
- in one document (multiple attachments will not be accepted)

**And should include:**

- Organisational information (headquarters, branch offices, key areas of work related to immunisation and health system strengthening, contact person submitting the organisational nomination)
- Brief CV or biography of the individual who would represent the organisation
- A personal statement from the nominee covering reason for interest, skills offered to the Steering Committee, previous involvement in immunisation and organisational resources to be leveraged
- Statement from organisation that they are prepared to support the representative for Gavi CSO constituency work at a minimum of 10% time

**Nominations received after 31st May, 2022, at 11:59PM (EA-Time) will not be considered. Results will be announced via the Gavi CSO Constituency listserv**