



KAMPALA DECLARATION

ON

COVID-19 VACCINE EQUITY

**WORLD HEALTH SUMMIT REGIONAL MEETING 2021
KAMPALA, UGANDA
JUNE 27-30, 2021**

No one is safe until all are safe!

- 1. In appreciation**, the Ministers of Health, the World Health Summit, M8 Alliance, medical practitioners, academia, researchers and all the participants both physical and virtually attending the World Health Summit Regional Meeting deeply appreciated His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, and the Government for graciously hosting the 8th World Health Summit Regional Meeting from 27-30 June 2021 at Speke Resort Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda.
- 2. Cognizant that** the COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented public health, social, economic, and security challenges, threatening the lives and livelihoods of billions of people. It has intensified inequalities worldwide, particularly regarding vaccine production and distribution. COVID-19 threatens the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the implementation of many health programs worldwide.
- 3. Reiterating that** vaccine injustice is an existential challenge for global health today. It divides the world between those that have access to vaccines and those who do not.
- 4. Recognizing that** in Kampala, Uganda, the World Health Summit 8th Regional Meeting under the auspices of the M8 Alliance, a global network of pioneer academic institutions from all six continents, convened leading actors in politics and experts from Africa and the world to fight for vaccine equity. The participants urged political leaders, international agencies and organizations, the civil society and industry, to strive for more equity in vaccine production and distribution.
- 5. Emphasized that** despite efforts to increase delivery and access to COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX mechanism, now focused

particularly on low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), significant disparities are obvious. High-income countries, representing about 20 percent of the global adult population, hold over half of the doses globally available (almost five billion), enough to vaccinate twice their populations. In contrast, the LMICs are left behind, not allowing them to adequately protect their inhabitants – in many cases not even those groups that have especially high risk.

- 6. Stressed that** vaccines are a global public good and vaccine hoarding puts the life of many as well as the economy and security of the world at stake. It also increases the risk for the development of more aggressive virus mutations and yet another pandemic wave. **There is no time to lose.** Fast and effective measures are needed to tackle the present situation and to increase preparedness for the future.
- 7. Underlined the importance** for fair and equitable access to vaccines as the key to ending the pandemic, restoring normal life and economy, and to preventing the unacceptable health gap to widen further.
- 8. Recognizing that** at the historical World Health Regional Summit Meeting 2021 in the Pearl of Africa, Uganda, the signatories of the **Kampala-Declaration on COVID-19 Vaccine Equity** strongly advocate strategic partnership and effective cooperation at the regional, national, and global level for distributed production and access to vaccines according to medical need, with a focus on Low and Middle Income Settings (LMICs).
- 9. Cognizant that** this crisis reminds us to foster the spirit of collaboration, solidarity, and cooperation instead of practicing vaccine egoism and nationalism. We need to transform Universal Health Coverage to include universal health preparedness, prevention, and universal health solidarity.

We are all in this together

Kampala, June 29, 2021

H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni
President of the Republic of Uganda

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO)



Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni
**Minister of Education and Sports and First Lady,
Republic of Uganda**

Hon. Jane Ruth Aceng
**Minister of Health
Republic of Uganda**

Hon. John Manguiro
**Deputy Minister of
Health, Republic of
Zimbabwe**

H.E. Diosdado Vicente
Nsue Milang
**Minister of State for
Health and Social
Welfare, Republic of
Equatorial Guinea**

For the World Health Summit

Prof. Axel
Radlach Pries
President

Prof. Charles
Ibingira
**International
President 2021**

Prof. Detlev
Ganten
**Founding
President**

Prof. Ilona
Kickbusch &
Elhadj As Sy
Council-Chairs

For the M8 Alliance

Prof. Ali Jafarian
I.R. Iran Delegate

Prof. Amirhossein
Takian
I.R. Iran Delegate

Prof. Vinh-Kim
Nguyen
**Graduate Inst.
Geneva**

For Makerere University, Kampala

Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe
Vice Chancellor