



POLIO ERADICATION: ENDGAME CHALLENGES, LESSONS AND LEGACY

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Many of the challenges we face in global health are governance not disease challenges. In the rapidly changing global health environment, we need to learn how to best build on the experiences gained in very different areas of work and to make sure that they feed into the demanding implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). There has been much governance debate as to the value of vertical vs. horizontal programming in global health and, looking back at significant MDG achievements in health, we now have the opportunity to assess impact and outcomes.

In this dialogue with leaders in global health, the challenges of the polio endgame and the multi-faceted legacy of polio eradication will take centre stage. Some of the questions asked at the event will include:

- How will the assets developed during the last 30 years in the WHO's Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) be used for wider benefit? How will they be transferred into developing health systems as countries work towards the SDG of Universal Health Coverage? How can they contribute to strengthening global health governance and reinforcing global vaccination programmes of other disease eradication campaigns?
- What lessons can be derived from the efforts to interrupt the transmission of wild poliovirus in the last two polio-endemic countries of Afghanistan and Pakistan? What are the challenges in reaching the vulnerable populations in remote or conflict areas, and how could the political, social, religious and cultural hurdles be overcome? How can the political and financial support for polio eradication be sustained through to the end? What are the vaccination and ongoing monitoring and containment requirements beyond the certification of eradication?
- What are the political factors in the polio endgame and ensuring a lasting legacy? What are the roles and responsibilities of European countries in these global endeavours?

Panellists will include Michel Zaffran (Director, Global Polio Eradication Initiative), Carole Lanteri (Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Principality of Monaco to the UN Office and other international organisations in Geneva), David Salisbury (Associate Fellow, Chatham House Centre on Global Health Security), and Anil Dutta (Vice President, Clinical R&D and Medical Affairs, GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Biologicals), among others.