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**People's Vaccine Alliance Africa
Civil Society Meeting
October 26, 2021**

Hosted by the [African Alliance](#)

Meeting Objectives

As Coordinators of the People's Vaccine Alliance in Africa, the African Alliance seeks to create a space where civil society representatives from around the continent can:

- receive updates on the PVA's global efforts,
- contribute to the PVA's activities and strategies,
- amplify African voices within the PVA,
- share information with each other on activities, challenges, and successes,
- develop advocacy strategies and activities together, and
- work towards improving communication and coordination related to African vaccine access and equity efforts.

Participants (5 individuals representing 4 organizations)

African Organizations

- African Alliance (2 participants)

International Organizations

- Amnesty International (1 participant)
- Christian Aid (1 participant)

Other

- London School of Economics (1 participant)

Meeting Agenda & Key Points

Agenda Item 1: Review of previous NPA Report, PVA Meeting Report and action items from report [SEE TRANSCRIPT 09:59]

Maaza Seyoum ([African Alliance](#)) asks for feedback on last month's NPA report

- Rachel Nicholson (Amnesty International) finds the reports very useful
- Charles Ebikeme (London School of Economics) agrees that the reports are useful, and suggests adding a "what data are we missing" section to the reports
 - Tian Johnson (African Alliance) agrees with this point and suggests crafting a space within the reports to present information on scheduled, future vaccine delivery

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- The group agrees that these reports (including transcripts) are useful, especially for those who are unable to attend the meetings

Agenda Item 2: PVA Updates [SEE TRANSCRIPT 21:07]

Maaza Seyoum presents a series of updates from the PVA:

- Digital Memorial Wall
 - Google Form has been sent out
 - Maaza encourages group members to share the form with their network

- PVA hopes to launch the wall on Dec. 8 (one year anniversary of non-trial vaccine delivery in UK)
- [Public Citizen](#) (active member of PVA) released a report specific to Pfizer re: importance of pharma accountability
- The group had tentatively planned to collaborate with Christian Aid on [Kusi Ideas Festival](#) [SEE TRANSCRIPT 32:48]
 - Robert Mwanyuma has contacts with Nation Media and will follow up.
- Rachel Nicholson suggests planning advocacy action around African Commission on Human and People's Rights (Nov. 15) [SEE TRANSCRIPT 34:17]
 - Tian Johnson responds that the Africa CDC has had this meeting on their radar
- Tian Johnson explains that much of the CDC's focus for December is centered on the Public Health Conference [SEE TRANSCRIPT 36:40]
- Maaza Seyoum reminds group of 3-part webinar (collaboration between African Alliance, Health Justice Initiative, People's Health Movement) focused on vaccine rollout on the continent [SEE TRANSCRIPT 39:50]
 - Maaza invites group to recommend potential speakers for the "Solidarity" panel
 - Charles Ebikeme recommends recruiting researchers for the discussion
 - Rachel Nicholson recommends Livingston Sanjana (Ugandan civil society organizer) as a potential speaker

Agenda Item 3: Tian Johnson presents latest version of Africa Manifesto [SEE TRANSCRIPT 48:06]

- "The intention of the document, really, at the outset was to capture the current moment in the African response, but situated in the historical context."
- About one more week left for final inputs/feedback
- Rachel and Charles commit to reading the document in its entirety and leaving feedback via Google Docs

Agenda Item 4: Updates from the group [SEE TRANSCRIPT 56:15]

Robert Mwanyuma (Christian Aid) presents the following updates from Christian Aid [SEE TRANSCRIPT 47:08]:

- Christian Aid is developing a vaccine equity index targeting Sierra Leone, Kenya, Burundi, and Zimbabwe
 - Exploring barriers to access to vaccines
 - Hoping to mobilize masses to advocate for vaccine equity

Maaza will follow up with Robert (and hopefully connect with Suhayl Omar from PV Kenya) about the Africa Week of Action.

Agenda Item 5: Key Dates

- One year anniversary of Ensemble (J&J) trial launch in Sa: **6 November**
- World AIDS Day: **1 December**
- Kusi Ideas Festival: **2-4 December**
- One year anniversary of first COVID-19 vaccine being administered: **8 December**

Appendices

[PVA Presentation](#)

[Meeting Transcript](#)

[Meeting Recording \(audio\)](#)