



Dr Seth Berkley

Chief Executive Officer of the GAVI Alliance



As a physician, epidemiologist and leading advocate for vaccines and immunisation, Dr Seth Berkley brings many years of experience and knowledge from the fields of public health, development and vaccines to the work of the Alliance. Seth joined the GAVI Alliance in August 2011 as it launched its five year strategy to immunise a quarter of a billion children in the developing world with life-saving vaccines by 2015.

"I am impressed by GAVI's life-saving work and have great admiration for its successful track record," said Dr Berkley. "I am therefore honoured and excited to have been chosen to lead the GAVI Alliance as it works to deliver on an ambitious new strategy."

Prior to joining the GAVI Alliance, Seth was the founder, president and CEO for 15 years of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), the first vaccine product development public-private sector partnership. Under his leadership, IAVI implemented a global advocacy programme that assured that vaccines received prominent attention in the media and in political forums such as the G8, EU and the UN. He also oversaw the creation of a virtual vaccine product development effort involving industry, academia, and developing country scientists.

Prior to founding IAVI, Seth served as associate director in the Health Sciences Division at The Rockefeller Foundation. He has also worked for the Center for Infectious Diseases of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and for the Carter Center where he served as an epidemiologist at the Ministry of Health in Uganda. He has consulted or worked in more than 25 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Seth sits on a number of international steering committees and corporate and not-for-profit boards, including those of Gilead Sciences, the New York Academy of Sciences and the Acumen Fund. In the past, he has also served on the boards of public and private vaccine companies such as PowderJect and VaxInnate and health and development organisations such as OXFAM America.

He has been featured on the cover of Newsweek, recognised by TIME magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World" and by Wired Magazine as among "The Wired 25 – a salute to dreamers, inventors, mavericks and leaders."

Seth received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Brown University and trained in internal medicine at Harvard University.

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