



10th African Vaccinology Course

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Cape Town





<http://www.vacfa.com>





VACFA

- Vision:

“an Africa free of vaccine-preventable diseases”

- Mission:

“to increase awareness of the benefits of vaccines and to promote the uptake of established and newly available vaccines in Africa”.

VACFA's key achievements to date

- Annual African Vaccinology Course.
- Vaccine advocacy website (www.vacfa.com)
 - intended to be a 'one-stop shop'
 - containing targeted information for health professionals, policymakers, programme managers and the general public
 - interactive forum for exchange of accurate, up-to-date and evidence-based information on vaccines and immunisation practices relevant to Africa
- Provide technical support and advice to agencies which require it.
- Do research - focused on research synthesis and knowledge transfer.



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latest news

Vaccines

The Importance of Vaccines

Expanded Program on Immunisation
(EPI)

Rotavirus

Pneumococcus

HPV

Combination Vaccines

Other

A Guide for Parents

This section provides a guide for parents wishing to find about vaccines, how they work, when to vaccinate your child, and answer some of your frequently asked questions. In addition, we aim to provide

Publication of UNICEF's State of the World's Children 2009 Statement by Julian Lob-Levyt, Executive Secretary, GAVI Alliance

15 January 2009 - Building strong health systems is critical to ensuring improved health for the world's most vulnerable -- poor mothers and their children. UNICEF's State of the World's Children 2009, published today, provides strong evidence of the progress being made in improving child health in poor countries but their mothers remain at high risk of disease and death.

http://www.gavialliance.org/media_centre/statements/State_of_the_World_s_Children_2009.php

Increased funding for the global polio eradication campaign

21 January 2009 - Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation today announced a further joint financing commitment of US\$355 million towards the global effort to eradicate polio. Additional significant funding commitments were also announced by Germany and the United Kingdom.

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New article on the shifting hypotheses about

Link to video - televised debate on improving health in the developing world

Julian Lob-Levyt, Secretary-General of the GAVI Alliance joins a panel of distinguished experts to discuss efforts to improve health in the developing world. <http://www.maximsnews.com/news20081213gavialliancevideo10812130101.htm>

WHO publishes the December 2008 meeting report of the Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety

Goal

This course is designed to develop vaccinology expertise for Africa – specifically to promote vaccine advocacy and communication amongst health professionals, public health managers, policy makers and scientists

Objectives

- To provide participants with an understanding of the importance of immunization in terms of human health and development
- To provide clinicians and scientists with the necessary tools and expertise to support public vaccination programmes and related activities.
- To provide participants with the necessary insights into the intricacies of vaccinology.
- To promote sustainable research capacity amongst researchers and scientists to support development of vaccines and / or to conduct quality standard phase 1 to phase IV vaccine trials.

Course content

- Covers relevant basic sciences such as epidemiology, immunology, microbiology pertaining to VPD.
- Discusses specific vaccine preventable diseases.
- Provides information on vaccine safety, vaccination strategies and evaluation of vaccines.
- Discusses new vaccines in the pipeline.
- Promotes vaccine advocacy.

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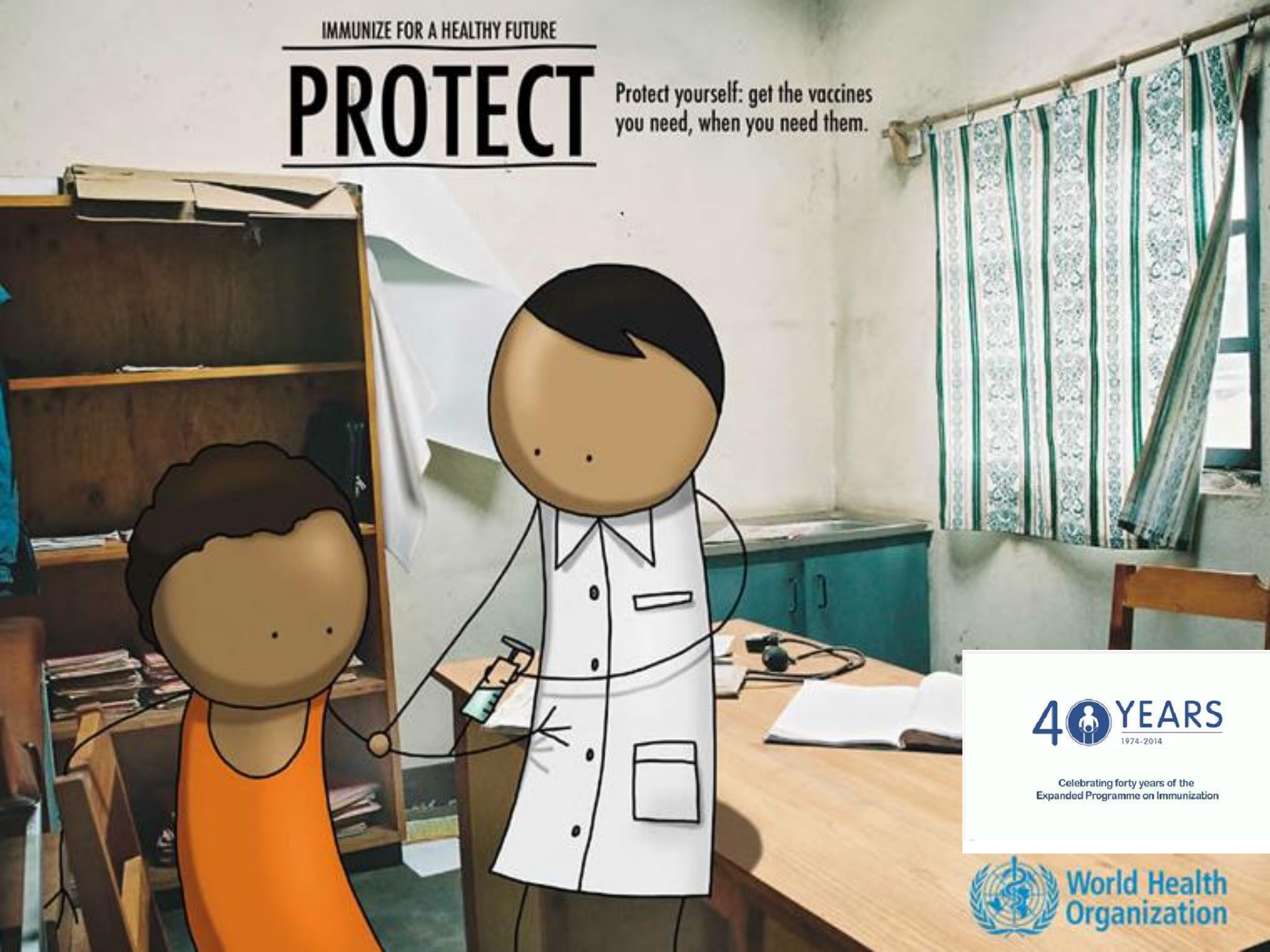
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- Merck
- Pfizer
- Sanofi
- UCT
- VACFA team
- Guest Faculty



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Protect yourself: get the vaccines you need, when you need them.



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