May 31, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

Much has been happening on the GVP front since we last met on the edges of the Prince Mahidol Awards Conference in Bangkok. We’ve published two papers on the GVP, in Science Policy and the WHO Bulletin, and have been getting significant press attention, as illustrated by a recent article in the China Daily. The GVP also got a nice “shout out” at the Smithsonian’s Museum of Natural History’s exhibit, “Outbreak,” as an example of why the world will be better able to prevent future epidemics.

There has also been significant maturation in our thinking on how GVP can best evolve from its current post-Bellagio “transitional state” to a fully operational global partnership. As those who were in attendance will recall, in Bangkok we introduced representatives of the Boston Consultancy Group (BCG), who had been hired under the auspices of the Governance Theme Area to assist us in thinking more precisely about the operational “way forward” for the GVP. BCG had played a similar role in the formative stages of CEPI and GAVI. In the course of their consultancy, BCG was able to interview a broad cross-section of the international community to get their thoughts, insights, and suggestions as to what would be essential ingredients for GVP to be a successful enterprise. It is on the basis of this outreach that we are now asking members of the Steering Committee to consider a package of actions covering GVP’s organizational structure, staffing, funding, and outreach for your guidance.

On June 11, we are inviting each of you to participate in a half day meeting to review specific recommendations that address GVP’s:

- Near and long-term operational vision (The Go Forward Vision) with particular focus on actions needed to support the limited launch of field operations (during an “incubation period”) that are designed to “test” the systems required to go to full scale operations
- Organizational structure (Towards a Governance Structure) required during this two year “incubation period”
- Need to establish itself as a legal entity and find an immediate “home” (Establish a Legal Home)
- Budget requirements to support operations over the next two year (Incubation Period Budget)
- Outreach plans for the coming year (Global Outreach: Year One)

Collectively, the decisions made about the operational way forward, organizational structure, staffing and funding will lay the foundation for making a strong business case for the GVP. We are now at a critical juncture as we move from the “idea” to the “reality” of the GVP. The next year will be a pivotal period as we seek to expand the financial and political investment in the GVP.
The meeting will be held in Washington DC at the National Academy of Medicine (see below for venue location). For those unable to join us in person we have also arranged for a call-in line (see below). To maximize the efficiency of the meeting we are sending you by FedEx the entire packet of briefing materials that will be used to guide our discussions. This meeting of the Steering Committee is intended as a “decision-making” forum and as such we will be specifically asking participants to consider a number of actions for “approval,” “approval with modification,” or “rejection” (a Decision Sheet identifying those items is included in the packet).

I am looking forward to what I believe will be an important and productive dialogue. In the interim, if you have any questions, comments or early feedback on the materials, please use this feedback form: https://goo.gl/forms/fssddGcGfblmP5d2.

As a special treat for those joining us in person, following the meeting we will arrange a visit to the Smithsonian’s Museum of Natural History exhibit “Outbreak”.

All my best,

Dennis Carroll

The GVP Steering Committee Meeting

Date: June 11, 2018  
Time: 09:00 – 1:00  
Venue: Room 101 at the National Academies Keck Center, 500 5th Street NW, Washington, DC, 20001  
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