

Webinar: COVID-19 and Public Governance, co-hosted by IVI, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, and the Embassy of Korea in Germany

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SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, April 27, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The International Vaccine Institute (IVI), Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V. (KAS), and the Embassy of Korea in Germany will cohost a <u>free webinar</u> to discuss the role of governments in ensuring the equitable access of COVID-19 vaccines and how international cooperation, in particular between Germany and Korea, can advance global availability and distribution.

The webinar will feature keynote speeches from Dr. Jerome Kim, Director General of IVI, and Dr. Ilona Kickbusch, Director of the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, on the global supply and distribution of COVID-19 vaccine as well as the geopolitics of vaccine equity, respectively.

A panel discussion on the challenges and best practices of effective vaccination strategies, and Q&A session will follow, led by:

- •Dr. Hee-Chang Jang, Head of the Korean National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Ministry of Health, Korea
- •Ms. Stella Danek, Federal Ministry of Health, Germany
- •Dr. Andrea Haselbeck, Senior Research Scientist, IVI

Martina Kaiser from KAS Global Health will moderate the webinar with welcome remarks from His Excellency Dr. Hyun Ock Cho, Ambassador of Korea to Germany, and Mr. George Bickerstaff, Chair of IVI's Board of Trustees. Mr. Thomas Yoshimura, Director of the KAS Country Program in Korea, will close the event.

The webinar will take place during World Immunization Week, an annual vaccine awareness and advocacy campaign hosted by the World Health Organization. To promote education and vaccine-positive messages, IVI launched <u>Ask a Vaccine Expert: COVID-19</u>, a new video series to answer common questions related to COVID-19 vaccines and vaccination. All assets are available for download <u>here</u>.

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