

Technical Meeting

Reaching the Elimination Goals: Insights into Programmatic Realities

May 28 – 29, 2026 | Antwerp, Belgium

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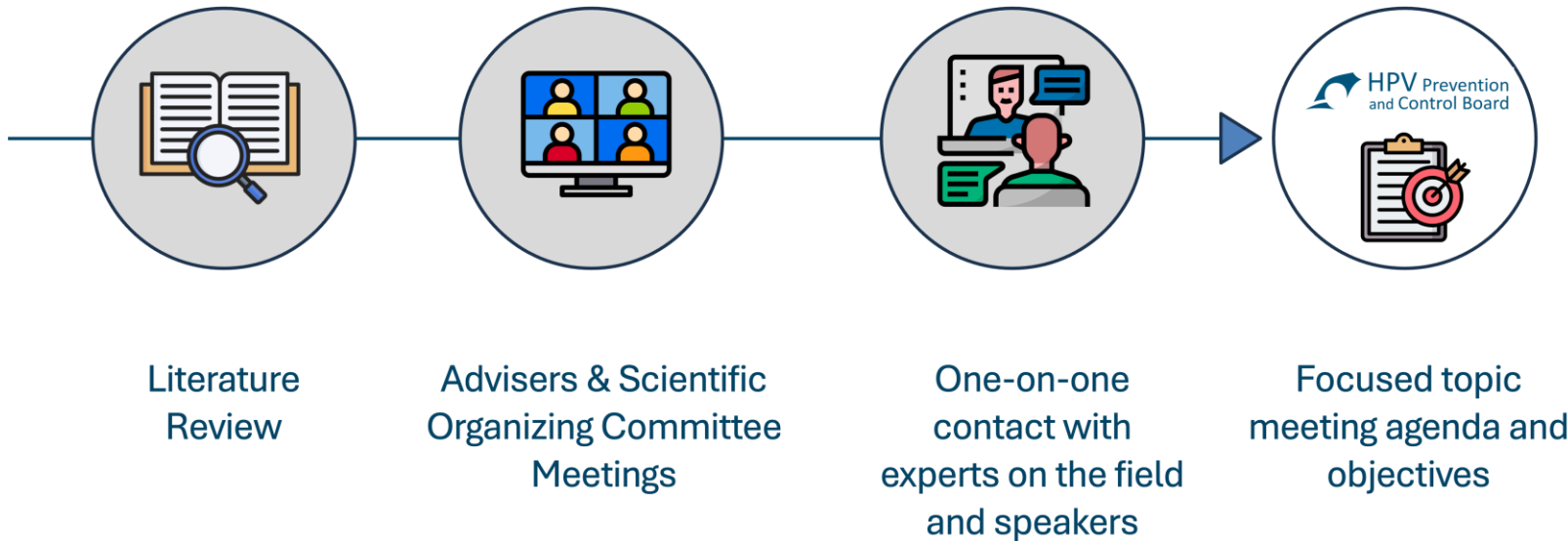
The primary aim of this meeting is to evaluate global progress toward the WHO's 2030 cervical cancer elimination goals (90-70-90) by shifting the focus from policymaking to real-world programmatic implementation.

The meeting will specifically address how to bridge the gap between high-level guidelines and field reality, focusing on:

Reconciling vaccination data methodologies

Overcoming technical hurdles in screening and treatment

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HPV Vaccination Coverage

Discuss the real-world impact of one-dose HPV vaccine schedules on coverage and exchange perspectives on how countries can maintain momentum as they transition out of Gavi eligibility.

Alignment in Methodologies

Review current efforts to align childhood and HPV vaccination tracking and discuss how to simplify reporting requirements to better serve programmatic monitoring.

The “Data Dilemma”

Identify challenges in reconciling administrative data with population-based surveys and explore ways to better link immunization and screening data systems to understand long-term outcomes.

Screening Implementation Gap

Examine the complexities of national screening algorithms (the “Frankenstein” approach) and share practical insights into addressing bottlenecks like loss to follow-up.

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Innovations for Scale

Explore the potential for sustainable implementation of new technologies — AI-assisted triage and point-of-care HPV tests — by discussing what makes these tools “fit for purpose” in the field.

Regional & Resource-Specific Needs

Discuss context-specific topics in sub-Saharan Africa and the clinical hurdles of implementing treatment in low-resource settings.

Expert Exchange

Provide a platform for country representatives and experts to share success stories and discuss different approaches to prevention based on available resources.

Meeting Agenda: Day 1

Thursday, May 28

9:00 ● **Session 1 | Welcome & Introduction**

Chairs: Alex Vorsters (University of Antwerp)

9:30 ● **Session 2 | HPV Vaccination Progress & Single Dose Impact**

Chairs: Sharon Hanley & Deborah Watson-Jones

☕ *Coffee Break 10:20 – 10:40*

10:40 ● **Session 3 | Redefining Coverage Measurement & Methodology**

Chairs: Laia Bruni & Nayab Waheed

🍽️ *Lunch Break 13:00 – 14:00*

14:30 ● **Session 4 | Roundtable – Interpreting Coverage Data**

Chairs: Nelly Rwamba Mugo & Deborah Watson-Jones

15:30 ● **Session 5 | The Gap Between Policy & Practice in HPV Screening**

Chairs: Silvia de Sanjosé & Raul Murillo

☕ *Coffee Break 15:15 – 15:30*

Friday, May 29

8:50 ● **Welcome | Overview of Day 1 Discussions & Emerging Topics**

Chairs: Alex Vorsters (University of Antwerp)

9:00 ● **Session 6 | Keynote – Navigating the Proliferation of HPV Tests**

Chairs: Dave Hawkes & Alex Vorsters

9:30 ● **Session 7 | Panel – Loss to Follow-up in Screen & Treat Programs**

Chairs: Anna Giuliano & Marc Steben

10:20 ● **Session 8 | Keynote Panel – Pragmatic Challenges in Treatment**

Chairs: Maribel Almonte & Silvia de Sanjosé

☕ *Coffee Break 11:10 – 11:30*

11:30 ● **Session 9 | Breakout Groups**

Chairs: Topics TBD with advisers and participants

🍽️ *Lunch Break 12:45 – 14:00*

14:00 ● **Session 10 | Conclusions & Closing Remarks**

Chairs: HPV Board Scientific Secretariat