

GLOBAL ACCESS TO VACCINES AND MEDICINES IS NEEDED FOR ALL AND AT A FAIR PRICE

AIM's General Assembly on June 10, 2021 adopted a declaration on Global Access to Vaccines. AIM welcomes the different initiatives of the European Commission and the WHO et al. to enable for access to the vaccines in all the regions of the world. In its declaration, AIM calls on international institutions, national governments and the pharmaceutical industry to make sure to guarantee global access to vaccines and medicines for all at a fair price



“ We are all in the same boat with regard to this pandemic. So, let's row together to reach the safe harbour for all. If we fail to provide fair and equal access for all to the vaccines in the world, we will fail our most important value: Solidarity. ”

Loek Caubo, AIM President

Initiatives of the European Commission, the European Parliament and the WHO and other international organisations, a necessary step towards ending this pandemic

AIM welcomes that the European Commission as well as international organisations such as the WHO have started initiatives to tackle the lack of access to vaccines in a great part of the world. Just yesterday, the European Parliament has adopted a resolution on meeting the global COVID-19 challenge. At the same time, most of the vaccines have now been dispatched to the 'richer' countries while low- and middle-income countries are struggling to get access at all. This is unacceptable and puts the whole world at danger with new variants being developed where vaccination is not stepped up.

Pricing of medicines and vaccines should be an enabler to equal access to health care

AIM calls the international institutions, national governments and the pharmaceutical industry to negotiate on fair prices for both medicines and vaccines to enable better access for all. It is a social and moral responsibility of all parties involved to work towards this. This is why, AIM will present a FAIR PRICING CALCULATOR for medicines later today in order to give a tool at hand to come to a paradigm shift in the pricing of medicines, but also vaccines.

Fair prices are a pre-condition for solidarity-based health care systems in the world

A new balance between rewarding innovation on the one hand and guaranteeing access and equality on the other needs to be found. The AIM Calculator tries to strike this balance. AIM is convinced that fair prices contribute to accessibility as well as to the sustainability of solidarity-based health care systems as promoted by our members.

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AIM is the umbrella organisation of health mutuals and health insurance funds in Europe and in the world. Through its 55 members from 28 countries, AIM provides health coverage to 240 million people in the world and 209 million in Europe through compulsory and/or complementary health insurance and managing health and social facilities. AIM strives to defend the access to healthcare for all through solidarity-based and non-for profit health insurance. Its mission is to provide a platform for members to exchange on common issues and to represent their interests and values in the European and international Institutions.