

An intercountry training workshop on cold chain and logistics management tools took place in Khartoum, Sudan between 26-31 December 2009 to update and train the participants on the new version of the vaccination supplies stock management (VSSM); update the participants on cold chain and logistics needs in view of introduction of new vaccines; and update and train the participants on the use of the logistics tool and planning and cold chain inventory management tool. Meeting full report

An intercountry meeting on measles and rubella control and elimination, took place in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt between 27 September–1 October 2009 to Review the progress toward and discuss barriers to measles elimination in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region; discuss the feasibility of measles eradication in the Region; and review the criteria, parameters, and process for documenting and confirming measles, elimination in the Region. [Meeting full report](#)

The 16th meeting of the Eastern Mediterranean Regional Working Group on the GAVI Alliance, took place in Cairo, Egypt between 6-7 September 2009 to review country progress in implementing the GAVI process immunization services support [ISS], new vaccine introduction [NVI] and health system strengthening [HSS]) to reach goals; identify weaknesses and gaps and recommended corrective measures; and agree on country-needed technical assistance to go ahead and adequately implement the GAVI process. [Meeting full report](#)

A briefing workshop for the chairmen of national immunization technical advisory groups in the EMR countries took place in Tunis, Tunisia between 28-29 July 2009 to review national and regional progress in EPI: achievements, constraints and way forward; discuss recent advances in new vaccines/ technologies and their use; and discuss progress and constraints relating to introducing new vaccines and technologies. Meeting full report

An intercountry training of trainers' workshop on pandemic influenza deployment guidelines took place in Rabat, Morocco between 12-15 July 2009 to train the national trainers on the pandemic influenza vaccine deployment guidelines. Meeting summary report

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