



COVID-19 VACCINES SUPPLY CHAIN AND REGULATORY TRANSPARENCY  
TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM

TUESDAY, 29 JUNE 2021, 10.00 – 18.00 (CEST)

SUMMARY SESSION 5: BEYOND VACCINES: MAPPING OTHER COVID-19 ESSENTIAL  
HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES AND TRADE

Questions for session 5 :

- How can value chain mapping techniques be used to chart trade in other COVID-19 essential health technologies?
- What manufacturing, input and regulatory bottlenecks are these COVID-19 essential health technologies facing and why?

In his opening remarks, [Mr. Antony Taubman](#), Director, Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division, WTO emphasized the purpose of the session was to harvest insight on the wider spectrum of health technologies needed to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, including diagnostics, medical devices and therapeutics. He further noted the need for practical insights to build upon and thus help chart the way forward for cooperation.

Mr. [Aaron Bernstein](#), Divisional Vice President, Procurement Technical Services, Abbott noted that one way to prepare for future pandemics is to adopt the guidance in the [100 Days Mission report](#) as presented to the G7. To help increase R&D, diagnostics could be incorporated into a business as usual healthcare approach rather than exclusively for hospital or laboratory use. A sustainable cycle of innovation taking place both during and in between pandemics would improve the potential to scale up production as required and would also help in the fight against AMR and non-communicable diseases.

