

Welcoming Remarks

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At the Sabin Vaccine Institute, we believe that all individuals have the right to a future free from vaccine-preventable diseases.



Our mission is simple:

To make vaccines more accessible, enable innovation and expand immunization across the globe, particularly in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).



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Our Mission in Action

Vaccine Acceptance and Demand (VAD) Initiative

By exploring the complexities of vaccine acceptance through the lenses of equity as well as social and behavioral science, the VAD initiative seeks to advance programs, policies, and practices that are responsive to the varied needs of people and communities, from design to implementation

WE PARTNER WITH ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE WORLD TO:



Understand social and behavioral drivers of vaccine acceptance and these implications for building effective interventions



Advance knowledge and training to a range of health information gatekeepers



Influence policy and programs across the global landscape by translating research to action



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Our Work & Programs



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The Social and Behavioral Research
Grants Program

Other Partnerships:



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Our Impact

Since our inception in 2019, VAD programming has



Awarded
\$1.2+ million
to **18** social and behavioral
research grant partners and additional
research stakeholders in
40+ communities across
12 countries



Grown the VARN community to
113 members
across **50 countries**



Deepened the knowledge, source lists and reporting skillset
of **150+ journalists** in LMICs across Latin
America, Africa and Eastern Europe



Supported
1200+ health workers across 70 countries
in deepening their vaccine and immunization communication skills



SUPPORTED
FRONTLINE HEALTH WORKFORCE LEADERS
across LMICs to utilize storytelling as an advocacy tool for vaccine
equity and acceptance



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About VARN

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VARN is...

Supporting global leadership in the application and advancement of social and behavioral science insights, research and expertise relating to vaccination acceptance and demand.

- **Unite key, multidisciplinary stakeholders** in academic research, policy, non-governmental organizations, global public health and the private sector
- Leverage knowledge to **inform global through to local policies and programs**
- Create space for **real-time, knowledge-driven dialogue** amongst network members to
 - Address social and behavioral science-related approaches to vaccination research and
 - Identify gaps in and opportunities for interdisciplinary research and program and practice support
- Work toward **strengthening vaccination success in LMICs.**



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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP BREAKOUT SESSIONS

March 3, 2022 at 1:00 pm EST



FIGHTING THE INFODEMIC
& HARNESSING SOCIAL
MEDIA FOR GOOD



COMMUNITY-CENTRIC
METHODS FOR KEY
POPULATIONS



SUPPORTING
COMMUNITY OF
PRACTICE PLATFORMS



DATA INTEGRITY &
EVALUATING BEST
PRACTICE



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VARN Membership

Open membership

Sign up here: bit.ly/JoinVARN

Stay updated with our

quarterly newsletter: bit.ly/VARNnews



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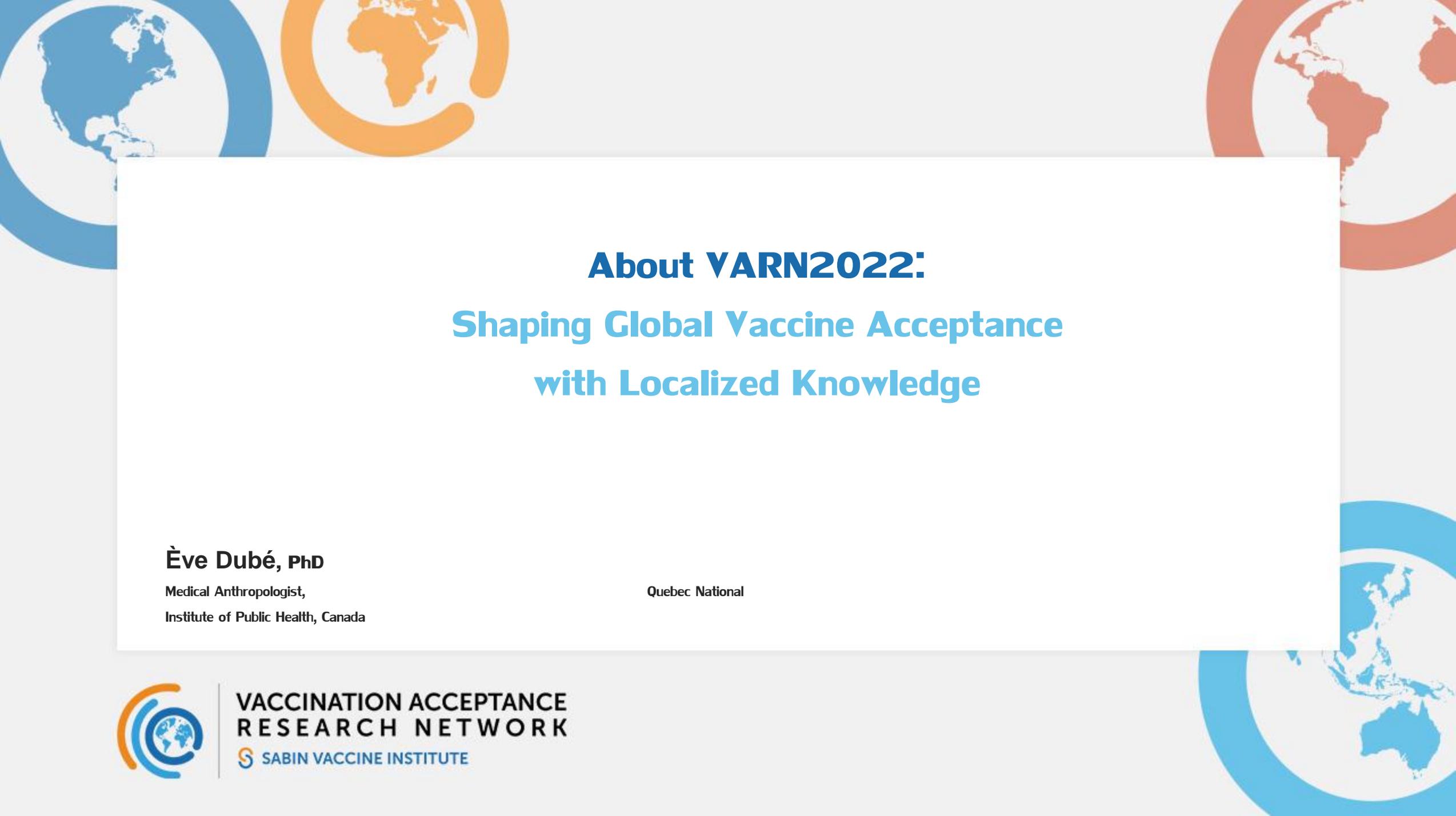
Our newsletter contains:

- Sabin program updates
- News from VARN community members
- Events and funding opportunities



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About VARN2022: Shaping Global Vaccine Acceptance with Localized Knowledge

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Medical Anthropologist,
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VARN2022 has reached 750 registered attendees | 76 countries

Participants by Region

Western Pacific - 35 Participants

4.0%

Europe - 51 Participants

7.0%

Latin America/Caribbean - 135 Participants

18.0%

North America - 141 Participants

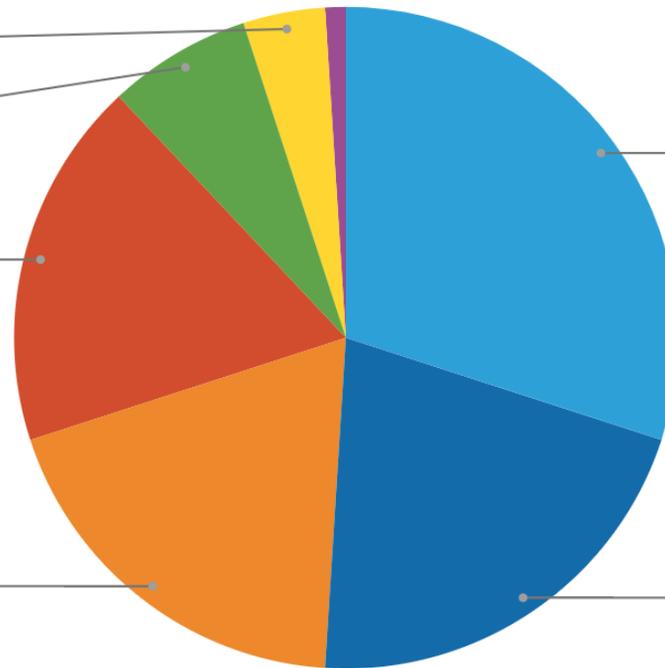
19.0%

Africa - 229 Participants

30.0%

Southeast Asia - 156 Participants

21.0%



VARN2022 & Conferencing Platform

9 sessions

- 1 keynote plenary**
- 6 presentation panels**
- 1 breakout session for 4 x TWGs**
- 1 closing plenary**

50+ Sabin and Partner Resources

- Reports**
- Drafted manuscripts**
- Peer-reviewed publications**

34 oral presentations

- Arabic**
- French**
- Portuguese**
- Spanish**

12 poster presentations

Viewing with audio throughout VARN2022



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