

Kigali Summit on Malaria & NTDs

25 June 2020

A high-level Global Summit on Malaria and NTDs, hosted by the Government of Rwanda, on the eve of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2020

OVERVIEW

Both malaria and NTDs disproportionately affect the poorest members of society and are a major roadblock to economic and social development in the Commonwealth and around the world.

Based on the Commonwealth 2018-2023 Malaria Commitment, the London Declaration on Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), a renewed World Health Organization (WHO) roadmap on NTDs and thanks to the leadership of President Kagame and Heads of Government from many countries, there is an opportunity to focus global attention and accelerate action towards ending these preventable and treatable diseases at the time of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2020 in Kigali, Rwanda.

A joint malaria and NTDs Summit hosted by the Government of Rwanda, on the eve of the CHOGM 2020, would offer a unique opportunity to galvanize renewed progress and accelerated action against malaria and push for the elimination of NTDs, helping prevent unnecessary death and suffering. By bringing together Government, private and multi-sector leaders from across the Commonwealth and beyond, this Summit could:

- Set the agenda for the next decade in the global fight against NTDs and secure significant resources for this agenda; and
- Drive the political and multi-sectoral investment and action needed to accelerate progress towards halving malaria across the Commonwealth and beyond by 2023.

CONTEXT

In 2018 the Malaria Summit and Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in London secured a landmark commitment to halve malaria across the Commonwealth by 2023 and accelerate global efforts to cut malaria by 90% by 2030.

Next June's CHOGM, hosted by the Government of Rwanda in Kigali, offers the first opportunity for Heads of State and Government to come together to review cross-Commonwealth progress towards this goal. The proposed, linked, high-level Summit would leverage and maximize this vital moment to renew political attention, mobilize national, international and private sector investment, and deliver the tangible actions needed to meet the 2023 Commonwealth malaria commitment and get the world back on track to achieve the 2030 Global Goals.

The 2012 London Declaration, which encouraged unprecedented global action and progress in the fight against NTDs, expires in 2020; this is therefore the year to launch a global vision for NTDs for the next decade through 2030. Accelerating progress on NTDs to 2030 will require much greater endemic country ownership and participation, both from a programmatic and financial perspective. WHO will launch its NTD Roadmap to 2030 with a World Health Assembly (WHA) resolution, setting the global targets and strategies. The Summit will provide the venue to mobilize

the resources, political and community commitment, and collaborative action needed to end unnecessary suffering from NTDs. It will culminate with a Kigali Declaration which will catalyze and guide the next decade of progress on neglected tropical diseases.

HEADLINE OBJECTIVES

- Accelerate leadership, investment, community engagement and action towards achieving the CHOGM 2018 cross-Commonwealth commitment to halve malaria cases and deaths by 2023.
- Launch a Kigali Declaration on NTDs that sets the global agenda to 2030 and raises \$1.5Bn to deliver \$17Bn of donated treatments to eliminate or control 10 diseases that affect the poorest households by 2030.
- Recognize the leadership of endemic countries and generate new commitments of domestic and other resources to fight malaria, NTDs and help strengthen health systems.
- Celebrate and galvanize renewed private sector commitments to malaria and NTDs including innovative partnerships, the largest drug donation program in history and the role of philanthropy.
- Mobilize and profile vital donor government commitments to the fight against malaria and NTDs, including Heads of State and government-level leadership and investment.
- Showcase the community, national, regional and global-level innovation and action in fighting malaria and NTDs, driving control to elimination efforts around the world.
- Present countries' progress toward achieving 2018 CHOGM's commitments/targets in malaria control
- Engage new audiences and champions behind the campaigns to end malaria and NTDs and unlock global progress towards ensuring healthy lives for all.

A GLOBALLY RESONANT LEADERSHIP MOMENT

The proposal is for a one-day high visibility Summit, engaging and showcasing global leadership, champions, investment, action, innovation and technology that will drive future progress against malaria and NTDs and towards healthy lives for all.

Hosted at one of Kigali's most impressive venues, this high-level Summit will bring together a wealth of national, Commonwealth and global leaders, showcasing new commitments and action at every level: from governments to science and technology, multi-laterals to youth, private sector to civil society, celebrity champions to affected communities and philanthropy to faith.

Organized into thematic sessions, the day will focus on what it will take to drive and deliver near and long-term progress against malaria and NTDs – including malaria accelerator commitments and a new Kigali Declaration on NTDs – culminating in a special leadership session featuring Commonwealth Heads of State and Government commitments from across the world.

DELIVERED THROUGH GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

The Summit will be hosted by the Government of Rwanda, with support from global malaria and NTD partners. Much of the Summit preparation, partner engagement and build up campaign will be supported through the partnership structures of the two communities, the RBM Partnership to End Malaria and Uniting to Combat NTDs. This will be guided by a clear joint governance and coordination structure integrating host government leadership with key partner support (including many of those behind the highly successful London Malaria Summit and NTD declaration that this event will build on).