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## **Fifth Roll Back Malaria Global Partners Forum**

**18 and 19 November 2005, Palais des Congrès,  
Yaoundé (Cameroon)**

Forum V, the fifth global meeting of the Roll Back Malaria (RBM) Partners, is the first global event since the external evaluation of the RBM Partnership in 2002.

The Forum is an assembly of all the partners of RBM, and takes place every 2 years.

Forum V will review progress of the Partnership to date and will identify areas where the global malaria response can be optimized for it to be fully supportive of communities responses.

### **I. The main functions of the Forum V**

- To get reactions to the RBM Partnership Global Strategic Plan 2005-2015 (GSP)
- To provide a vision of how to address the identified issues
- To identify concrete actions to accelerate the scale up of malaria control and to address capacity gaps: the Yaoundé Call to Action.

The RBM Partnership Board is responsible for preparing the agenda and reporting on the deliberations of the Forum.

### **II. Why the RBM Partners' Forum V**

Forum V is an assembly of all constituencies of RBM partners and is the ultimate coordinating body of the Partnership.

Forum V welcomes all partners committed to scaling up malaria control by working through the Partnership mechanisms.

Forum V has to mobilize all constituencies and their members to accelerate implementation of the GSP in order for the RBM Partnership to achieve the expected impact i.e. reduction of the malaria burden.

Forum V is an effective means of providing collective guidance to the RBM Partnership Board regarding future direction of the movement.

Forum V is not a decision-making body but provides an accountability mechanism for partners and constituencies

### **III. Methodology of Forum V**

Forum V is designed to ensure that **each** participant has the occasion to share experiences with the others; that participants have a means of identifying collectively the priority activities required to implement the GSP 2005-2015; that the way forward outlined in the Yaoundé Call to Action is collectively owned by Forum V participants. The style of Forum V will underline the importance of developing experience based debates rather than offering opinions or beliefs.

#### **Parallel sessions**

The work sessions of Forum V are concentrated on two half days, Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, with four parallel thematic sessions and one plenary feedback and discussion session each. On Friday parallel sessions are about scaling up prevention, case management, demand and delivery. On Saturday they are about scaling up coordination, advocacy, financing and M&E. The four parallel sessions are each catering for a maximum of 100 participants. Forum V participants are invited to indicate the thematic parallel sessions they wish to attend as their first and second choice.

Each session is facilitated by a Session Chair, a Co-Chair and Panelists. The Session Chair is assisted by a Room Facilitator, overseeing the process, and an Editor, overseeing the content. Session participants will be seated by ten at up to ten round tables. Each table elects its own Rapporteur and may nominate a Table Facilitator to ensure everyone's voice is listened to.

#### **Introduction: 30 minutes**

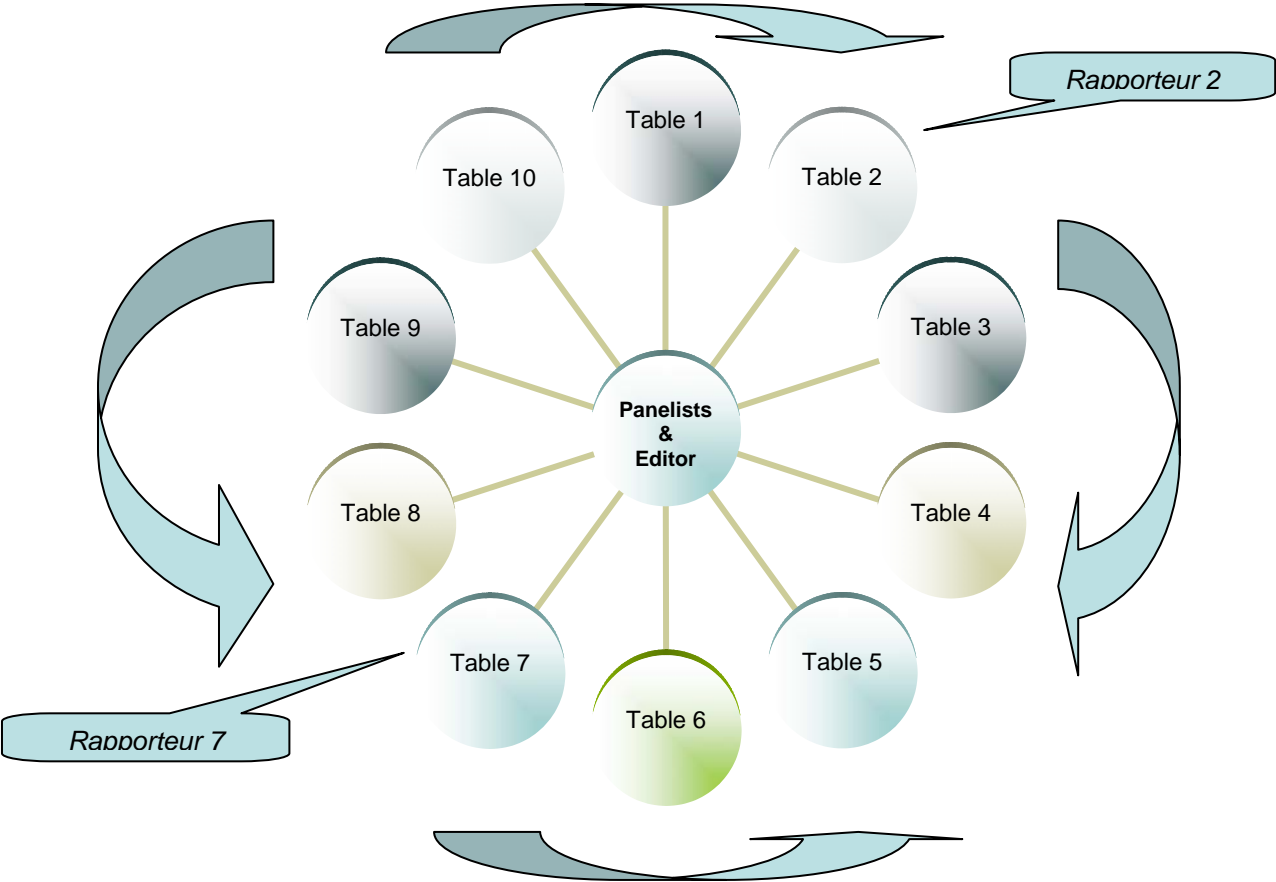
The Chair outlines the purpose of the session and introduces the Panelists, who have been chosen for sharing their experience as:

- "policy maker" regarding best practices in scaling up or concerning research and development of new tools
- health care provider who implements a scaling-up strategy
- end user of malaria tools living at community level

Panelists are expected to launch the debate on the topic, not to list the solutions.

#### **Sharing experience: 90 minutes**

The round tables create an environment in which all participants are encouraged to share experiences. Round table discussions are geared towards identifying priority issues to be addressed for GSP implementation.



The Table Rapporteur synthesizes the debate and regularly flags new issues discussed at the table. Via their laptops the ten Table Rapporteurs log their continuous synthesis into a central electronic chat room, where the Session Editor monitors in real time the content generated by the 100 participants. Jointly with the Panelists the Editor regularly shares a summary of newly appearing issues with all 10 tables by overhead projection. This allows participants to take into account main issues developed by other tables.

This real time cross-reporting on the ten ongoing debates fosters active discussion between participants and reduces the time necessary for preparing the report to the plenary sessions.

*Options and Insights: 15 minutes*

After the first half an hour, the Table Facilitator invites the group to brainstorm on insights and options for improving the response based on experiences (good and poor).

*Concrete actions: 15 minutes*

For the last 15 minutes tables should focus on defining 3 to 5 concrete actions, to be undertaken by which stakeholders and in what timescale. This potentially produces 30 – 50 actions in each session.

### **Drawing it together: 30 minutes**

The Session Editor proposes a bullet point synthesis with 10 key ideas and 10 action points which came out of the debates. The Co-Chair and the Panelists re-open and summarize the discussion on the synthesis in an effort to prioritize 5 main ideas and 5 action points.

At the end of the round table discussions, participants generally have a good idea of the key issues discussed and the actions proposed by the 10 tables. The material is captured electronically. This helps identify priority areas for short and medium term acceleration of malaria control efforts at country level.

The Editors of the 4 Parallel Sessions report their 5 items each at the Plenary Feedback and Discussion session. The priority action points identified at the eight sessions will generate the Yaoundé Call to Action

### **Roles of participants in this process**

- The session participants share experiences with their peers at round tables.
- The Chair introduces panelists based on personal summaries provided by the organizers. He invites the panelists to describe how they managed to overcome specific implementation challenges and to meet expectations.
- The Room Facilitator helps to ensure that the whole process runs smoothly and on schedule, helping individual tables where necessary. The Room Facilitator is provided by the organizers.
- The Table Facilitator is elected by the table to ensure that everyone's voice is listened to and that the table delivers results.
- The Rapporteur captures the main issues, the colorful stories and quotes and the actions for each table. Usually the Rapporteur is identified by table participants.
- The Editor, jointly with the Panelists, watches the live feed coming in from each of the ten tables, provides a synthesis to be projected and groups the actions into common themes. The Editor is different from the Room Facilitator whose role is to maintain a sharing environment and to watch the process rather than the content. At the end of the debates, the Editor proposes to all session participants a synthesis with 10 key issues and 10 action points regarding GSP implementation. Editors are identified by the organizers.
- The Co-Chair manages the questions raised by the participants in response to the Editor synthesis, invites the panelists to summarize and concludes.
- The Panelists support the Chair and the Editor and summarize what they have heard the room say.

Chairs, Co-Chairs, Panelists, Editors and Room Facilitators are expected to participate in the Forum Management Briefing Session scheduled for all day of 17th November, 2005 at Hilton Hotel Yaoundé. Candidate Table Facilitators and Rapporteurs are welcome if numbers and circumstances allow.

A detailed schedule will be provided shortly.