



## RECAP OF DECISIONS AND NEXT STEPS

10<sup>th</sup> RBM Board Meeting

26 & 27 July 2006  
New York, NY

### COUNTRY-LEVEL PARTNERSHIP DECISIONS TAKEN

*Determined* that gap assessment is a priority for the global RBM Partnership

- *Approve* RBM Harmonization paper as the aspiration for Partner activity at the country-level
- *Endorse* national gap analysis as an essential input into country-led harmonization and alignment of donor response

*Endorsed* roles of RBM Partnership in:

- Gap analysis, led by the countries with support from the Partners in each country
- Repository of information on gaps, managed by the Secretariat
- Facilitating the exchange of learnings across countries
- Actively expanding funding sources to fill country-level gaps

*Identified* roles in executing next steps for RBM country-level partnership proposals

- *Delegate* definition of gaps and development of gap analysis tool to a new working group on harmonization
  - Tool to assess 1) gaps and bottlenecks; 2) donor and government behavior; and 3) progress and results
  - Will also develop a country-level harmonization scorecard, as proposed in RBM Harmonization paper

*Approved* need for approach for RBM, and RBM Partners, to engage at the country-level

- Approach for harmonization at the country level to be defined for approval

## COUNTRY-LEVEL PARTNERSHIP NEXT STEPS

**Revitalize Harmonization Working Group**

**Create definition of gaps, building from existing information with SRNs and other Partners**

**Develop gap analysis tool and process**

**Develop country-level harmonization scorecard**

**Fully define RBM approach to alignment and harmonization at country level<sup>(1)</sup>**

(1) **Alignment:** donors base their overall support on partner countries' national development strategies, institutions and procedures

**Harmonization:** donor's actions are more harmonized, transparent and collectively effective

Source: *Approved Harmonization paper*

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## SUB-REGIONAL NETWORKS DECISIONS & NEXT STEPS

### Decisions reached at this meeting

***Determined*** that SRNs are core bodies of the Partnership, that should be governed by Board and funded through Partnership resources

- Acknowledge need to work through the SRNs
- Agree to reevaluate the need for and role of SRNs in 3 years

***Endorsed*** the role of SRNs and prioritization of their activities as outlined in budget framework

- Review of core functions
- Prioritization of funded activities

***Confirmed*** Board support for initiating SARN/CARN, and other sub-regions outside of Africa as appropriate

### Next steps

**Governance next step:**

**Develop approach to achieving sustainable workplan and budget for SRNs**

**Plan for potential launches of new networks**

**Continue work to re-structure CARN proposal**

**Explore potential to launch SRNs in other sub-regions**

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## SECRETARIAT HOSTING DECISIONS & NEXT STEPS

### Decisions reached at this meeting

*Approved* the criteria to be used in evaluating the hosting options

*Approved* the current short-list of potential hosting options, for further analysis and consideration

*Requested* that the Hosting Committee develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- To serve as a basis for an interim agreement to strengthen the relationship with WHO
- To serve as the foundation, or proposed conditions, of the final hosting agreement regardless of which host is selected

### Next steps

Draft interim MoU for WHO-RBM relationship

Continued information gathering and analysis of the short-list options, including engaging with potential hosts

Present next generation of recommendations to the Board at the 11th RBM Board Meeting (to be scheduled)

- Propose MoU with WHO for adoption by the Board
- Shorter list of potential hosting options (2-3 options)

Assuming WHO remains on the short list, present final recommendation to the Board after a new Director General has been appointed at WHO

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## GOVERNANCE DECISIONS & NEXT STEPS

### Decisions reached at this meeting

*Approved* the set of governance issues to be addressed

- Internal workings of the RBM Board
- Relationship between the Board and Secretariat
  - direction setting and oversight of SRNs and Working Groups, differentiating between standing and short-term WGs
- Definition and expectations of Partners, including funding obligations
- Role of Partners' Forum as a governance mechanism

*Agreed* to split next steps into two workstreams

- Funding workstream to develop process for budgeting and funding the RBM Partnership
- Primary governance workstream for all other governance issues

*Designated* PATH to identify a member of the NGO delegation to participate in one of the workstreams

### Next steps

Identify workstream leaders and supporters to supplement WHO, PATH/NGOs and BMGF

Begin analysis of the agreed upon set of governance issues

Propose a process for approving and managing Partnership body budgets and for funding the Partnership

- Prioritize securing funding for RBM Secretariat for 2007

Propose processes to improve remaining governance issues

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## SECRETARIAT DESIGN DECISIONS & NEXT STEPS

### Decisions reached at this meeting

*Endorsed* the approach to defining the core functions, organization and budget for the RBM Partnership Secretariat

*Approved* the following features of the draft functions, organization, and budget as the basis for developing final proposal to the next Board meeting

- Functions divided into *unique functions*, *shared functions*, and *acknowledged functions*
- Secretariat will not perform *ad-hoc functions* without prioritization and funding
- Secretariat structured around four functional units
- Budget should allow Executive Secretary flexibility in allocating staff against specific functions within the mandate

*Agreed* Governance workstream will develop process by which Secretariat functions will be changed by the Board or other body

### Next steps

Refine Secretariat functions and organization structure

Develop 2007 Secretariat workplan and refine resourcing and budget

Design management processes for Secretariat

Define the process by which ad-hoc functions of the Secretariat are raised, and additional resources are secured as needed

Propose a process for approving and managing Partnership body budgets and for funding the Partnership for 2007 and onward (to be completed by Funding workstream)

- Prioritize securing funding for RBM Secretariat for 2007

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## COMMODITY AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT DECISIONS TAKEN

*Approved* expansion of effort across all current and future malaria commodities

*Approved* reconfiguration of Secretariat supply group to focus on coordination of information and Partner efforts rather than execution

*Agreed* that Partnership should actively seek alternative owner(s) for forecast development and ACT procurement functions

*Agreed* to advocate for reform to commodity forecasting process and to coordinate Partner efforts to expand participation

*Supported* exploration of alternative commodity and supply chain management processes

*Agreed* to explore issues relating to risk-management and benefits as part of analysis of barriers, bottlenecks and opportunities for aligning supply and demand

*Approved* development of a concept paper for a Partnership initiative to facilitate countries' efforts to develop and sustain procurement and supply chain management infrastructure through Partner support

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## **COMMODITY AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT NEXT STEPS**

**Continue analysis of barriers, bottlenecks, and opportunities for aligning supply and demand**

**Expand involvement to players across the supply chain, especially to endemic countries**

**Expand leader(s) and participants in workstream**

**Initiate coordination calls with input from relevant Partners on frequency and agenda**

**Define specific elements for Partnership's forecast development and procurement processes, in preparation for evaluating potential owners**

**Assess and implement the personnel, budget, and infrastructure revisions required in the Secretariat**

**Develop concept paper for a Partnership initiative to strengthen country commodity and supply chain management capacities**

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