



**RBM Partnership Board Teleconference  
12 January 2005**

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## **DRAFT REPORT**

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### **Participating Constituents:**

- **DRC**
- **Ghana**
- **Zambia**
- **Italy**
- **UK**
- **Novartis**
- **Exxon-Mobil**
- **Bayer**
- **UN Foundation**
- **WHO**
- **UNICEF**
- **World Bank**
- **Global Fund**
- **EXS**

### **Proposed Agenda:**

1. Financial Situation Secretariat Workplan
2. Guidance to the Secretariat regarding the further development of working relations with the European Union
3. Endorsement of the creation and proposed membership of the Global Advocacy Task Force
4. Information to the Board on outcomes of a meeting of RBM partners discussing the deployment of CPAs
5. Adoption of the Global Strategic Plan 2005 - 2015
6. Resolution by Zambia (proposed support from Sudan and China) regarding the addressing of the ACT shortage by partners (see attached) thru pooled procurement
7. Miscellaneous

The proposed agenda was adopted.

## 1. Financial Situation Secretariat Workplan

### **Summary:**

- Subcommittee Report on teleconference of 11 January 2005 regarding status of fund raising effort.
  - 50,000 USD cash in hand
  - Holland 600,000 USD firm commitment receivable by Q2
  - **World Bank 1,000,000 (or only 800,000?) firm commitment receivable by Q2**
  - Application for DFID emergency grant of 500,000 UK£
  - Private sector engages to finance small activities (max 5,000)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> semester firm income 2.2. million USD towards the 12 million USD budget for 2005.
  - Italy confirmed that the 3 million Euro(3.9 million USD) will be made available within 2 months.
  - This would raise the budget funding level to 50%, a minimum level for the Partnership to operate with credibility i.e. living up to its commitments.

### **Action:**

- Subcommittee to continue fund raising effort
- 2. Guidance to the Secretariat regarding the further development of working relations with the European Union (see annex)

### **Summary:**

- Given current funding gap of the Secretariat workplan (at best 50% firm pledges for 2005 budget), the Secretariat proposes to actively engage the European Commission in order to identify mechanisms of durable support by Europe to the partnership mechanisms and structures.

### **Action:**

- The current financial status warrants the exploring of any avenue that will strengthen the resource base of the Secretariat Workplan.
- Secretariat tasked to explore and develop with EU options and arrangements that will enable it to support the RBM Partnership
- The Secretariat to explore with GAVI and other EU recipient organizations as to what administrative set-ups allowed for durable EU support

3. Endorsement of the creation and proposed membership of the Global Advocacy Task Force

**Summary:**

- The Board endorsed the following membership of the ad hoc Global Advocacy Task Force

MALARIA-ENDEMIC COUNTRIES (4)

- Zambia
- Kenya
- West Africa to be identified
- Mekong: to be identified

OECD DONOR COUNTRIES (2)

- United Kingdom
- USA

MULTILATERALS (3)

- UNICEF
- World Bank
- World Health Organization

RESEARCH & ACADEMIA (3)

- Malaria Foundation International
- Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV)
- Multilateral Initiative on Malaria (MIM)

NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (4)

- Friends of the Global Fight
- Global Health Council
- Massive Effort Campaign
- Results Canada

PRIVATE SECTOR (2)

- ExxonMobil
- Development Finance International

FOUNDATIONS (1-2)

- UN Foundation

**Action:**

- The Board endorsed the proposed membership
- The Board requested that the West Africa member be francophone
- The Board requested that membership be finalized quickly in order to make Advocacy Task Force operational

4. Information to the Board on outcomes of a meeting of RBM partners discussing the deployment of CPAs

**Summary:**

- The Board was briefed on the outcomes of the discussions of the CPA concept in December 2004.
- Interested parties strongly endorsed CPA concept
- Exxon-Mobil will provide matching funds if additional resources are made available to the concept.

**Action:**

- The Secretariat to pursue with interested parties firm co-financing

5. Adoption of the Global Strategic Plan 2005 - 2015

**Summary:**

- The Board was informed that final comments were received from UNICEF and WHO WHOPEP towards end December 2004
- Final version of GSP 2005-2015 with editor for style; the English version completed and for review by Secretariat.
- French translation is ongoing.
- Layout proposals will be ready 21 January 2004
- Secretariat will provide Board prior to next TC Wednesday 26 January 2005 with final documents for a "Good to Print"
- World Bank requested a 1 page executive summary of the GSP
- Italy requested a strengthened Research Agenda in the GSP; Italy was informed that the Secretariat works with the MIM Secretariat to propose a global RBM research agenda at the upcoming MIM Conference in November 2005. WHO requested that MIM be used as a forum to draft and that a participatory mechanism, as for the GSP, be used to finalise the agenda.
- Ghana confirmed that a review identified the GSP 2005-2015 as well applicable to the situation in Ghana and recommended rapid completion

**Action:**

- Present Board with final version for "Good to Print" by Teleconference 26/1/2005
- WHO AFRO to provide written final comments by COB 12 January 2005

6. Zambia proposes modification of WHO Executive Board malaria resolution, addressing specifically the ACT shortage

**Summary:**

- Zambia, seconded by Sudan and possibly China (PR) intend to propose modifications to the draft malaria resolution tabled for the WHO Executive Board (January 2005).

- The proposal would request WHO to support RBM Partnerships, in particular MMSS, to rapidly developed pooled procurement procedures for ACTs.
- UNICEF supported the proposal, although was concerned about effect of “3 year binding orders” on the market, and indicated that it will provide additional information to Zambia for consideration in the resolution
- GFATM indicated that they will also provide additional information to Zambia for consideration in the resolution

**Action:**

- Secretariat to facilitate Board input into resolution
- Secretariat to be clearing house for comments
- Secretariat to organize a TC on Monday 17 January 2005 at 3pm Geneva time with interested parties.

7. Miscellaneous

African Union Summit of Heads of State 30 & 31 January 2004;

- Board informed that Secretariat was invited to meet with African Union
- Board informed that African Union resolution regarding the holding of an extraordinary summit of Heads of States in 2006, as indicated in the Abuja Declaration and Workplan, needs to be launched this year at the latest at the July AU summit.
- UNICEF indicated that the Child Survival Partnership is working with AU on a Child Survival - MDG paper for presentation to the July 2005 AU Heads of State summit.
- RBM Board members from Africa were encouraged to identify opportunities at the upcoming January 2005 summit to work on introducing into tabled "HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis & malaria" resolution the notion of an extraordinary summit in July 2006 to review RBM progress made

Venue of 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting

- Board was informed that the India board member has been transferred and thus a Board meeting would be difficult to organize without the assistance of a local Board member.
- Board was asked to make alternative proposals
- UN Foundation proposed to use the Youssou Ndour concert 11 & 12 March 2005 in Dakar to provide additional visibility to the RBM Partnership and its governance structure
- The WHO indicated that the Global Malaria Report 2005 will be released on March 10 2005 in Cairo at the upcoming MERG meeting
- Private Sector constituency supported proposal of Dakar Board meeting
- UNICEF indicated that they would have difficulty in being represented if the Board meeting was held around the time of the release of the Global Malaria Report in NYC on the 10 March, as presence in NYC would be needed. Would prefer a date towards the end of March.

**Uncertainty as to what final decision was regarding venue and date confirmation to request at next teleconference**

Forum V November 2005

- DFID emergency grant makes provisions for some of the support towards organizing Forum V.
- Forum V Organization Committee, the Forum V RBM Board subcommittee, needs to be made operational urgently now to provide guidance to the Secretariat during the preparation phase.
- Secretariat to convene the subcommittee immediately

African Board members briefing

- Board was informed that outgoing Zambia Board offered to host a meeting for incoming Board members to receive briefings from outgoing African RBM Board members.