

PROVISIONAL

REACHING ZERO



VIRTUAL FORUM ON MALARIA ELIMINATION TO MARK WORLD MALARIA DAY 2021

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and other challenges, a growing number of countries are approaching – and achieving – malaria elimination. Ahead of World Malaria Day 2021, country leaders, frontline health workers and global partners will come together in a virtual forum to share experiences and reflections on efforts to reach the target of zero malaria. The event will be co-hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the RBM Partnership to End Malaria.

DATE:

Wednesday, 21 April 2021

TIME:

12:00 - 13:30 GMT

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Simultaneous interpretation
will be available in English,
French and Spanish

TIME (GMT)	AGENDA	INVITED SPEAKERS
12:00-12:05	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	Ms Valerie Traore, Executive Director of Niyel and Moderator
12:05-12:10	MESSAGE FROM WHO DIRECTOR-GENERAL	Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General
12:10-12:30	ZERO BY 2021: PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE ELIMINATION JOURNEYS OF COUNTRIES THAT HAVE REACHED ZERO MALARIA SINCE 2000	Dr Francisco José Alabi Montoya, Minister of Health, El Salvador Dr Arlindo Nascimento do Rosário, Minister of Health and Social Security, Cabo Verde Dr Samia Hammad, Director of Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases, Algeria Dr Kamini Mendis, WHO Malaria Elimination Oversight Committee Member, Sri Lanka
12:30-12:35	INTRODUCING THE E-2025 INITIATIVE	Dr Pedro Alonso, Director, WHO Global Malaria Programme
12:35-12:55	ZERO BY 2025: PANEL DISCUSSION WITH COUNTRIES AND PARTNERS THAT ARE WORKING TO ELIMINATE MALARIA IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF COVID-19	Dr Darin Areechokchai, Deputy Director, Division of Vector Borne Diseases, Thailand Mr Solomon Feleke, Consultant, WHO STOP-Malaria Programme, Botswana Mr Peter Sands, Executive Director, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Dr Helene Hiwat, National Malaria Control Programme Manager, Suriname
12:55-13:00	DRAW THE LINE AGAINST MALARIA	Mr Odinaka Kingsley Obeta, Zero Malaria Youth Champion
13:00-13:05	VIDEO MESSAGE	Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa
13:05-13:25	FROM HIGH BURDEN TO ZERO: WHY MALARIA ELIMINATION REMAINS A VIABLE GOAL FOR ALL COUNTRIES	Dr Raj Panjabi, United States Global Malaria Coordinator Dr Caroline Jehu-Appiah, Deputy Director for Health, Nutrition and Eradication, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Dr Elizabeth Chizema, Coordinator, End Malaria Council, Zambia Dr Neeraj Dhingra, Director, National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme, India
13:25-13:27	VIDEO MESSAGE	HE Amira Elfadil Mohammed Elfadil, African Union Commissioner for Social Affairs
13:27-13:30	CLOSING REMARKS	Dr Abdourahmane Diallo, CEO, RBM Partnership to End Malaria