

RBM PARTNERSHIP TO END MALARIA

Nomination and Selection Pack for the RBM Partnership Board

Background

Since 1998, the RBM Partnership to End Malaria (formerly Roll Back Malaria) has been central to the global fight against malaria. The past twenty years have seen tremendous gains in reducing the burden of disease and progressing towards malaria elimination.

Since 2000, working in global partnership and solidarity, we have made historic progress against malaria, saving an estimated 7.6 million lives, preventing over 1.5 billion new malaria infections, and setting the world on a path to end the disease once and for all. As the global, multisectoral platform for coordinated action to end malaria, the RBM Partnership's work will be instrumental in achieving the ambitious 2025 and 2030 malaria reduction and elimination targets and milestones, as well as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In 2016, after a two-year period of broad consultation and Board review and discussion, RBM established a new, more robust structure that takes advantage of the tremendous skill, energy and effectiveness of its many partners and to move conclusively into a new era that will take action to realize the vision of a world free of malaria. As a central part of this governance transition, the RBM Partnership established a new Board, selected to bring enhanced levels of skills and experience at a senior decision-making level and representation from across the Partnership, including malaria-affected countries, private sector, entities outside the malaria and health sectors, civil society and donors. The list of the current Board Members can be found here: <https://endmalaria.org/about-us/governance/board>.

The RBM Board agreed at its 16th Meeting in December 2020 to undertake a process to identify suitable individuals to implement the Board Rotation Policy approved in November 2017. The goal is to appoint three new Board Members in May 2021, with an additional member joining in November 2021. Board Members are selected based upon their individual skills, capabilities, as well as on their personal and organisational networks and commitment to the Partnership. To maintain Board diversity outlined in the RBM Bye-Laws, the Board particularly encourages nominations from endemic regions, in order to ensure that at least half of the Board members be drawn from malaria affected countries and regions. This year, nominations from the Asia-Pacific and Latin America / Caribbean regions are particularly encouraged to ensure the composition of the Board reflects malaria's global reach.

This document provides an overview of the nomination and selection process for the RBM Partnership Board.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is **Friday, 12 March 2021**
with the nomination and selection process due to conclude on **Friday, 30 April 2021**.

A Nomination Form can be found in **Annex 1**.

Overview of Eligibility, Skill Requirements and Selection Criteria

Eligibility

Any person working or with significant experience in the field of global health and/or development, including both public and private sectors, and committed to the RBM Partnership Vision is eligible to be considered for membership of the Partnership Board. Partnership Board Members should be prominent leaders in the global malaria community and/or individuals who are able to ensure consistent resourcing of the Partnership mechanisms or global efforts to fight malaria.

Skills & Experience

The RBM Bye-Laws (section 4.3.4) outlines the following skills Partnership Board Members should be able to demonstrate:

- ✓ In-depth understanding of and personal commitment to the Partnership principles, core values, and achievement of its Vision.
- ✓ Recognition as a leader in global health and/or development with the understanding and knowledge required to help shape overall strategic direction for the Partnership.
- ✓ In-depth knowledge of the issues around malaria, international health and/or development, and development financing.
- ✓ Strong leadership and management skills.
- ✓ Ability to act as an ambassador/advocate and to represent the Partnership at a senior level (e.g. represent a larger viewpoint, possess decision-making authority within their organisation).
- ✓ Experience working in a multicultural environment.
- ✓ Experience serving in partnerships and governing bodies, and the ability and capacity to network effectively and broadly.
- ✓ Facilitative and consultative approach; diplomatic with policy and strategic skills.
- ✓ Access to the necessary communication infrastructure to carry out their role as Partnership Board Members effectively (e.g. telephone, fax, e-mail and mobile phone).
- ✓ Ability to work in written and spoken English and/or French.

Additionally, based on the objectives of the new RBM Strategic Plan 2021–2025 and roles and responsibilities of the Board, the nomination of candidates with the following additional skills and/or areas of expertise is strongly encouraged:

- ✓ Financial management and resource mobilization in the context of global health and/or development.
- ✓ High-level political and development advocacy and demonstrated diplomacy skills.
- ✓ Multisectoral experience in areas with potential links to the fight against malaria, including agriculture, education, pharmaceuticals, and information & communications technology, among others.
- ✓ Private sector experience.

Partnership Board Member Commitment

Board Members will serve the Partnership for a term of three years, renewable once. Board Members will be expected to attend meetings and devote and commit to setting aside adequate time to prepare themselves for these meetings.

Selection Criteria

The Board strives for diversity in the background, sector, and expertise of members to reflect the breadth of the Partnership, with special regard for those from malaria-affected countries. The Board collectively should represent a network that goes beyond malaria, either as individuals or through the organisations to which they belong. Nominees shall be drawn from the wide malaria and related multi-sectoral communities, including government, civil society, non-government organisations, the private sector, donors (governmental, multilateral or private philanthropic organisations), research and academia among others.

Nominees may fulfil more than one of the above criteria outlined in the RBM Bye-Laws. Should suitable nominations collectively not satisfy the above criteria, the Board Selection Committee (BSC) may choose to select members as close to the criteria as possible.

Nomination and Selection Process

Candidates for the Partnership Board may be nominated by Partners or sitting Members of the Partnership Board. Any individual is encouraged to self-nominate if s/he has the required skills and experience and is willing to commit the time required. Any nominations previously submitted will be considered providing they meet the agreed selection criteria.

The nomination form is attached in **Annex 1**. Nominations should be sent to the RBM Board Affairs at BoardAffairs@endmalaria.org.

In their nomination of candidates, all individuals and nominating partners and groups need to ensure that due regard is paid to the above criteria and to ensure that all nominees:

- a) Agree to their names being put forward.
- b) Are prepared to serve on the Partnership Board and to attend all meetings either in-person, by videoconference or teleconference.
- c) Recognise that they are only being nominated and that selection for the Board is subject to the recommendations of the BSC and approval by the full Partnership Board.

The RBM Board Selection Committee (BSC), a Board sub-committee, will review nominations and recommend suitable candidates to fill vacancies in the Partnership Board.

Selection Timeline

- i) By 8 February 2021:** Formal call for nominations published on RBM website: <https://endmalaria.org/>
- ii) 12 March 2021:** Nominations close.
- iii) w/c 22 March 2021:** BSC meeting to review nominations and agree recommendations to the full RBM Board.
- iv) w/c 5 April 2021:** RBM Board reviews recommendations of the BSC and formally appoints new Board Members.

- v) **6-7 May 2021:** New Board members join the RBM 17th Board meeting as observers, and assume their terms immediately following the Board meeting.

Information and Support

Any questions about the nomination process or any other aspects of the Partnership Board selection should be sent to RBM Board Affairs at BoardAffairs@endmalaria.org.

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Annex 1:
Nomination Form for the RBM Partnership to End Malaria Board

Person Making the Nomination:

Name:		
Current Position and Organisational Affiliation:		
Contact Information:	Email:	
	Telephone:	

Person Being Nominated:

Name:		
Current Position and Organisational Affiliation:		
Gender:		
Country / Region of Origin:		
Contact Information:	Email:	
	Telephone:	

Has the Person Being Nominated:

1. <i>Had the requirements for Board Membership explained to them?</i>	Yes / No
2. <i>Understood that nomination does not automatically mean they will be selected for the Partnership Board?</i>	Yes / No
3. <i>Agreed that their name can be put forward into nomination?</i>	Yes / No

Qualifications of the Person Being Nominated:

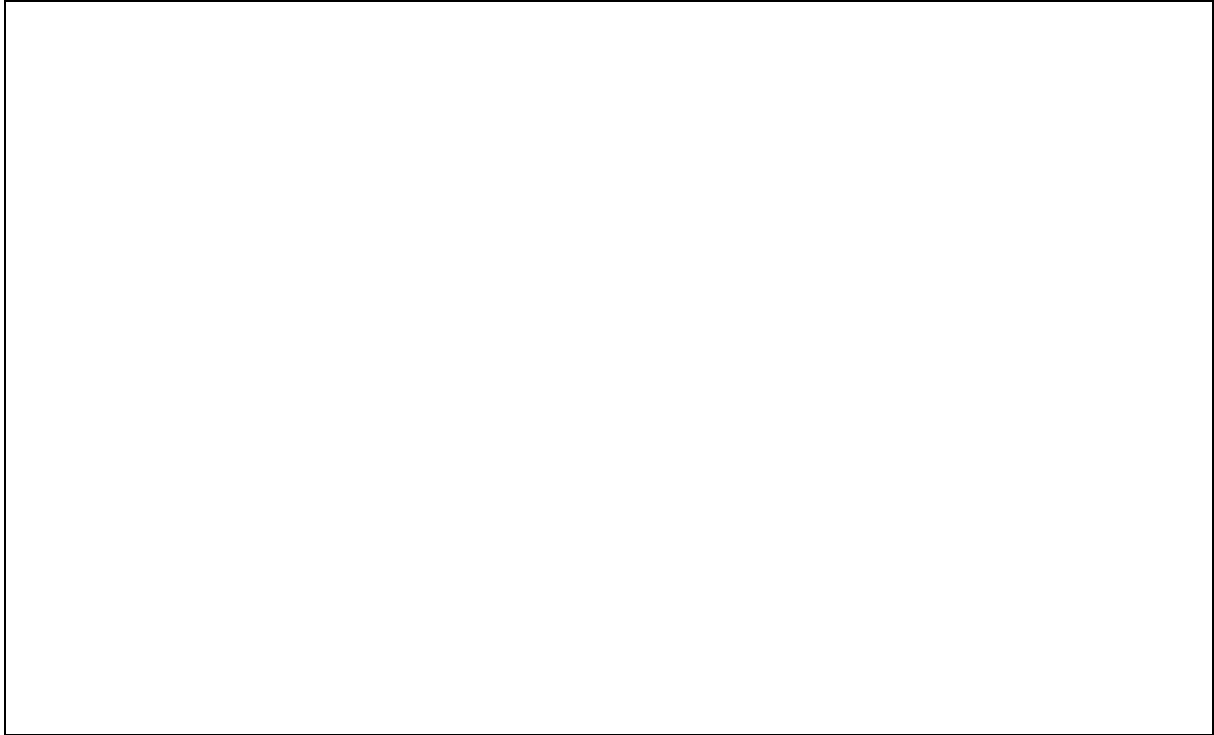
Which of the desired experience and skills does the person being nominated potentially bring to the Partnership Board:

<i>Experience and Skills</i>	<i>Yes / No</i>	<i>Short Explanation of How Applicant Demonstrates These Skills</i>
<i>In-depth understanding of and personal commitment to the Partnership principles, core values, and achievement of its Vision.</i>	Yes / No	
<i>Be recognised as a leader in global health and/or development with the understanding and knowledge required to help shape overall strategic direction for the Partnership.</i>	Yes / No	
<i>In-depth knowledge of the issues around malaria, international health and/or development, and development financing.</i>	Yes / No	
<i>Strong leadership and management skills.</i>	Yes / No	
<i>Ability to act as an ambassador/advocate and to represent the Partnership at a senior level</i>	Yes / No	
<i>Experience working in a multicultural environment.</i>	Yes / No	

<i>Experience and Skills</i>	<i>Yes / No</i>	<i>Short Explanation of How Applicant Demonstrates These Skills</i>
<i>Experience serving in partnerships and governing bodies, and the ability and capacity to network effectively and broadly.</i>	Yes / No	
<i>Facilitative and consultative approach; diplomatic with policy and strategic skills.</i>	Yes / No	
<i>Access to the necessary communication infrastructure to carry out their role as Partnership Board Members effectively (e.g. telephone, fax, e-mail and mobile phone).</i>	Yes / No	
<i>Ability to work in written and spoken English and/or French.</i>	Yes / No	

Summary

In no more than 500 words, please give any additional reasons why you think that the person being nominated is a suitable candidate for the Partnership Board:



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