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# Session 1: Introductions, objectives, key updates

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On behalf of Corine, Konstantina and myself

A warm welcome and thank you for joining the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual  
RBM VCWG meeting

# Objectives of the RBM - Vector Control Working Group

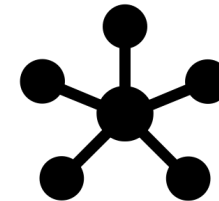
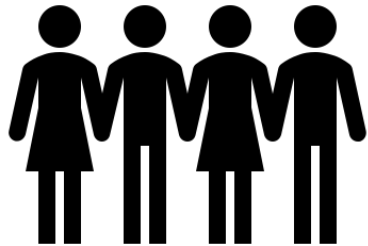
## Purpose:

- To align RBM partners on best practices to reach and maintain universal coverage with effective vector control interventions.
- To support the implementation of Vector Control Guidance generated by WHO and to galvanise efforts towards achieving specific country and global malaria elimination targets.

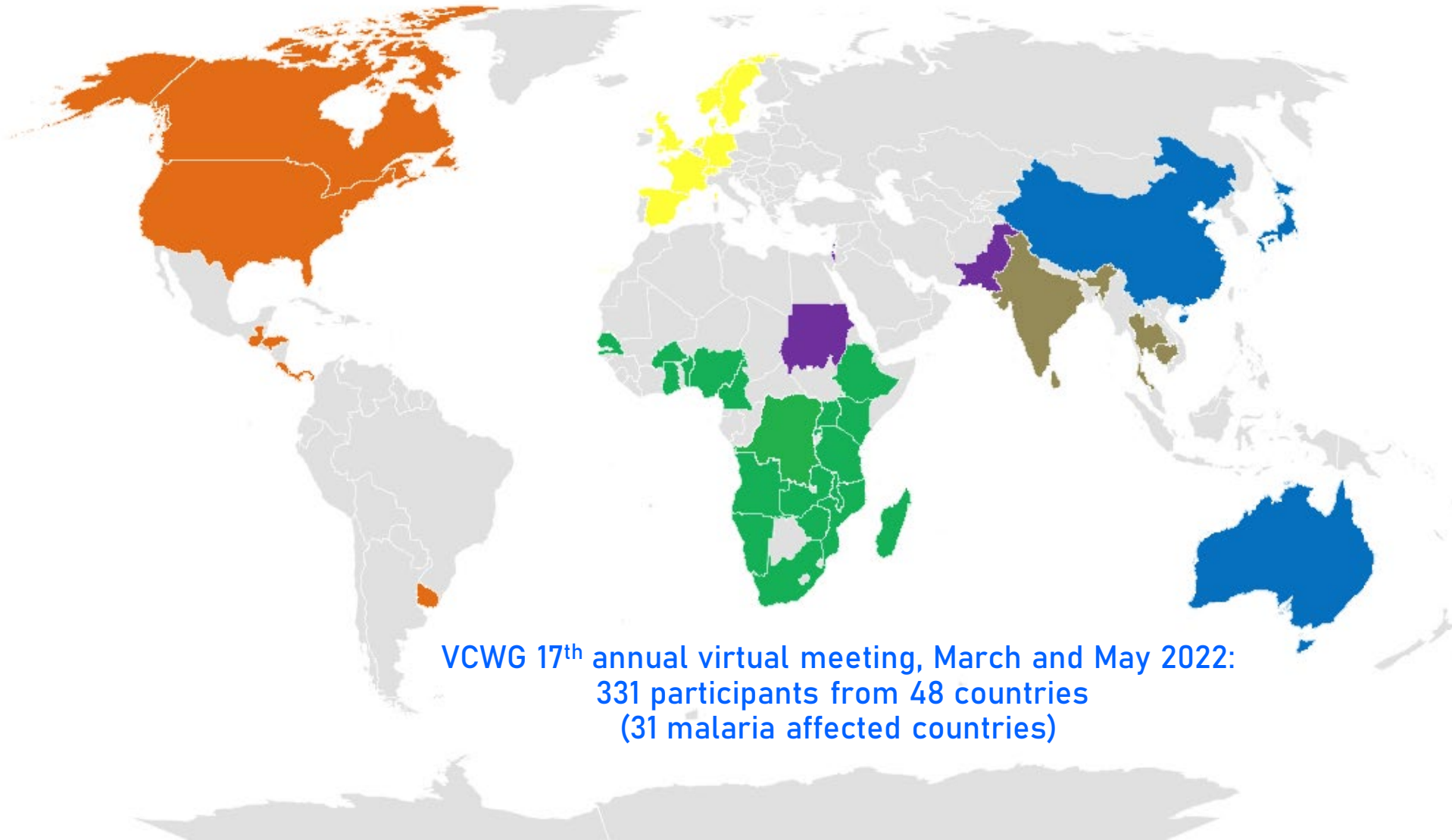
**Convene:** VCWG convenes meetings, workshops, and other forums to develop consensus among stakeholders

**Co-ordinate:** VCWG supports and co-ordinates dialogue between national programs, product manufacturers, academia and implementers

**Facilitate Communication:** VCWG has a very diverse membership, and our annual meetings and Workstream Task Teams provide unique opportunities for connection and networking around specific areas of interest.



## VCWG - 17<sup>th</sup> annual meeting 2022 – 5 online sessions

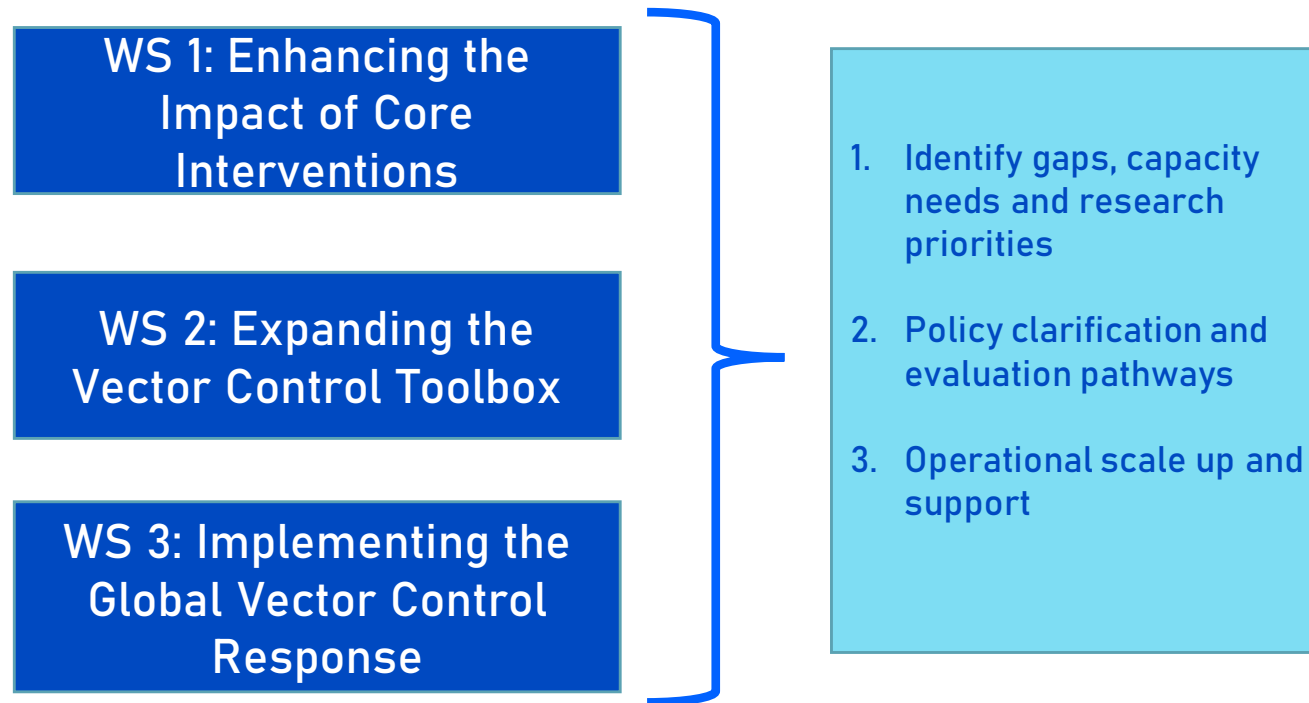


VCWG 17<sup>th</sup> annual virtual meeting, March and May 2022:  
331 participants from 48 countries  
(31 malaria affected countries)

The screenshot shows the RBM Partnership To End Malaria website. The top navigation bar is blue with the RBM logo and 'Partnership To End Malaria' text. It includes links for 'About us', 'About malaria', 'Our work', 'Resources', 'News & Events', and 'Take action'. A search bar and a 'Partner portal' button are also present. Below the navigation, the breadcrumb 'Our Work Working Groups » Vector control' is visible. The main heading is 'Vector control', followed by a paragraph: 'The purpose of the Vector Control Working Group (VCWG) is to align RBM partners on best practices to reach and maintain universal coverage with effective vector control interventions.' A large image of a child is featured, with social media icons for YouTube, Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter on the right. Below the image, there are sections for 'Co-Chairs' and 'Working Group Secretariat'. The 'Co-Chairs' section lists Dr Corine Ngufor (LSHTM/CREC, UK & Benin) and Mr Justin McBeath (Bayer, United Kingdom). The 'Working Group Secretariat' section lists Dr Konstantina Boutsika (Swiss TPH, Switzerland). A 'Related content' section is on the right, with a red arrow pointing to the first item: '17th annual meeting of the Vector Control Working Group'. Other related content includes '16th annual meeting of the Vector Control Working Group', 'Vector Control in Humanitarian Emergencies', and '15th annual meeting of the Vector Control Working Group'.

**VCWG is organized around 3 workstreams; each with three themes of output.**

**Task Teams focus on topics under each of these themes in each WS**



**Detailed workplans have been developed for each workstream**

# Creation of Task Forces to tackle workplan elements

Taskforces identified to work on specific Workplan Topics; Taskforce members may be selected from volunteers or from members of VCWG Network who are known to work on a topic

## Principles for selection of Task Force Membership:

For working efficiency the Task Forces need to be limited in size; in order to ensure transparency and fairness in selection of participants for those who have volunteered; we share here the priority of criteria (and other considerations) which have guided that selection:

1. Task Force Volunteer has indicated that she/he is currently funded to work on the topic
2. Task Force Volunteer has indicated that she/he has specific experience to the topic
3. Availability to contribute
4. Desire to ensure that a diversity of representation is maintained (eg. based on relevant geography, organization type, gender balance)

The scope of the Task Forces will evolve over time and therefore there will be other opportunities in the future for VCWG members to be involved as other Task Forces are identified, relevant to the workplans of the Work Streams.

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## Workstream 1: Enhancing the Impact of **Core Interventions** (ITNs and IRS)

### Task Team 1

- Using data to inform optimal selection of core interventions.
- **Leads:** D. Levi Hinnah and Crispin Williams, NMCP Liberia; Sarah Burnett, PATH



### Task Team 2

- Addressing biological threats; new insecticides for vector control (for IRS and ITNs)
- **Leads:** Christen Fornadel, IVCC and Julia Mwesigwa, PATH



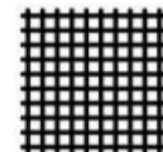
### Task Team 3

- Capacity building, localization, and private sector involvement for sustainable vector control
- **Leads:** Samuel Asiedu, AGAMal and Jessica Rockwood, International Public Health Advisors



### Task Team 4

- Addressing non-biological threats: ITN quality, access and use, durability/replacement
- **Lead:** El Hadji Amadou Niang, UCAD





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Derric replaced Allison Tatarsky, UCSF

## Workstream 2: Expanding the Vector Control Toolbox

### Task Team 1

- Larval Source Management
- Leads: Jennifer Armistead, PMI and Prosper Chaki, IHI / PAMCA



### Task Team 2

- Innovations in vector control and vector surveillance
- Leads: TBD



### Task Team 3

- Anthropology and human centered design (interface between vector control and human behavior)
- Lead: April Monroe, JHUCCP



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Anne replaced Mark Hoppé, Syngenta

## Workstream 3: Implementing the Global Vector Control Response

Task Team 1	Task Team 2	Task Team 3	Task Team 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Integrated Vector Management</li><li>• <u>Leads</u>: Jo Lines, LSHTM and Charles Mbogo, KEMRI</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capacity and collaboration</li><li>• <u>Lead</u>: Tanya Russell, JCU</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Anopheles stephensi</i> response</li><li>• <u>Leads</u>: Melissa Yoshimizu, USAID; Sarah Zohdy, CDC; Susanta Ghosh, Mangalore University India</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vector Control in Humanitarian Emergencies</li><li>• <u>Leads</u>: Dana McLaughlin, UN Foundation and Joe Lewinski, CRS</li></ul>

