

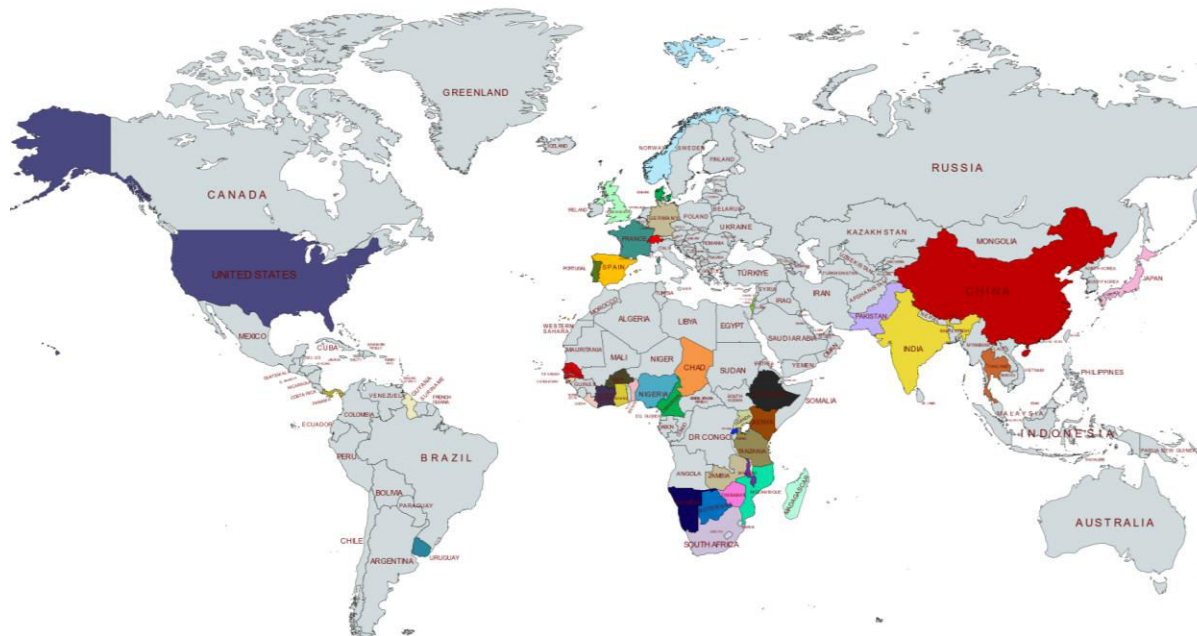
- Vector Control Working Group

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Wrap up: Highlights and next steps

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VCWG - 19th annual meeting 2024 in Kigali



VCWG 19th annual virtual meeting registrants as of 11 April:
221 participants from 43 countries
(30 malaria-affected countries)

Updates from partners

- **RBM:** New RBM governance model – focused on constituencies, greater involvement of working groups
- **WHO GMP:** tube tests, *An stephensi* coordination meetings, VCAG meetings, comparative efficacy, upcoming activities
- **WHO PQ:** ITN assessment guideline updates and the implementation plan, plans to update/develop other guidelines
- **The Global Fund:** Vector control programming in Global Fund grants 2024–2026, evaluation work to help inform the response to challenges and prepare for GC8, issues around the messaging on ITNs.
- **PMI:** Localisation plan, entomological monitoring updates, updates on *An stephensi* and other vector control interventions.
- **Unitaid:** Overview of Unitaid’s vector control portfolio, Current malaria portfolio, vector control projects current and future, Regional Manufacturing for Equitable Access, Climate and Health Strategy – climate-smart products

Workstream highlights

- **Workstream 1: Enhancing the Impact of core-interventions**
- **Workstream 2: Expanding the vector control toolbox**
- **Workstream 3: Implementing the Global Vector Control Response**

New co-lead for WORKSTREAM 1

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Biosketch



Christen Fornadel, PhD, is an entomologist and Senior Technical Coordinator with the Innovative Vector Control Consortium (IVCC). In her role with IVCC, Christen provides coordination, oversight, and guidance in support of country activities related to the launch, monitoring, and evaluation of novel vector control products. Prior to joining IVCC in 2018, Christen was a Senior Malaria Vector Control Specialist with the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), USAID (2013-2018). At PMI Christen contributed to global strategy and country-level planning for malaria mosquito control, including entomological monitoring, insecticide-resistance management, and implementation of indoor residual spraying and long-lasting insecticide-treated nets. Before joining PMI Christen completed her graduate studies at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where her doctoral research focused on the foraging behavior of malaria mosquitoes in rural Zambia. Prior to her graduate work at Hopkins, Christen completed a Fulbright fellowship in Australia, performing laboratory and field studies on a vaccine against the hydatid disease tapeworm. Christen received her BS in molecular biology from Haverford College after completing her undergraduate thesis research on T cell development.

Priorities for VCWG

- Continue sharing of experience and collaborations in WS and Task Teams; Task teams should be focused on relevant/emerging themes/priorities
- Exchange platform for VCWG members – discussing with RBM
- Breaking silos: Stronger collaborations across partners of VCWG and outside VCWG – e.g collaborate with APMEN, NTD programmes, Aedes control programmes etc
- Encourage more collaboration across partners – ensure that ideas are documented and published in the name of RBM where possible

RBM Board Priorities

- Track the constituencies in our membership
- Participate in RBM board meetings to update them on the activities of the VCWG
- Increase discussions/activities around investigating the impacts of climate change on malaria and improving climate resilience
- Update TOR for the VCWG to submit to the RBM Board

20th annual meeting of the VCWG

- Looking forward to a great meeting to celebrate 20 years existence
- Probably in February 2025
- Venue TBD
- Lookout for updates from Konstantina

Thank you

- Workstream leads
- Task team leads
- All presenters
- All participants
- Sponsors
- Organising team (Konstantina)

THANK YOU for ALL YOUR
CONTRIBUTIONS!!!