

# IRS Financing and Advocacy

- 2011 Objectives:
  - Increase funding and commitment for IRS from private sector;
  - Increase public sector funding for IRS;
  - Increase domestic funding for IRS
- Raise the profile of IRS in regional groups – (AU, SADC, ECOWAS)
- Enable continued use of public health insecticides

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- 2011 Activities:
  - RBM VCWG & GBCHealth co-hosted IRS workshop, Johannesburg Oct 2011. Sponsors: RBM, AngloGold Ashanti, Bayer, Syngenta, CAMA, Abt Assoc., AFM & Avima.
    - Strong business case for IRS (AGA, KCM, Illovo etc)
    - Regional networks must work with private sector partners to increase IRS support, involvement
    - National govts. must build up entomologic capacity
    - Private sector can assist in building IRS capacity
    - Private sector involvement should be added to scorecards
    - National leadership to align regulations, registrations of products
    - Need increased domestic funding, championed by national govts. WHO, BRICS
    - WHO should help develop joint public-private plans to strengthen pesticide management

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- 2011 Activities:
  - Preparation of policy position for SADC Ministers of Health Conference & SADC E8 meetings
    - Policy documents on IRS, access to insecticides prepared for SADC, adopted at Ministers of Health meeting
  - Advocacy & support to malarial countries during Stockholm Convention COP
    - Preparation of documents for malarial countries to ensure ongoing access to DDT, in opposition of EU, Swiss, Stockholm Convention Secretariat's stated plans to eliminate DDT by 2020.
  - Engaging with Global Fund to increase profile of IRS in reporting
    - Letters sent to GF to raise profile of IRS in GF reporting
  - Responding to anti-public health insecticides articles in media, peer-reviewed literature plus pro-IRS pieces in popular press.
    - Opeds by Kamwi, letters in EHP, awaiting review on 2 other papers

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- Tariffs, customs reform for anti-malaria commodities
  - Follow up work to M-TAP, seek to ensure clear, consistent, logical classification of malaria commodities under the World Customs Organization's Harmonized System,
  - Continue to monitor removal of taxes & tariffs & non-tariff barriers. ALMA leads advocacy, tariffs part of scorecard.