**RBM PARTNERSHIP TO END MALARIA**

**Nominations for Unaffiliated Board Members of the new RBM Partnership Board**

## **Background**

Since its inception in 1998, the RBM Partnership has played a critical role in global efforts that reduced malaria deaths by half, saved 11.7 million lives, and prevented more than two billion new malaria infections.

Despite advances in lowering the global burden of malaria, progress has slowed or stalled in recent years. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, health systems challenges, reduced effectiveness of some of the tools for fighting malaria and a significant funding gap have had a compounding effect slowing progress. As a result, the RBM Partnership’s work as the malaria community's global, multisectoral platform for coordinated action will be instrumental in getting back on track to reach elimination targets and milestones, as well as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

At its 25th meeting on 25 October 2022, the RBM Partnership Board adopted a new hybrid structure to better represent the perspectives of malaria-affected countries and other constituencies into the Partnership’s governance. This new composition will include representatives from malaria-affected countries, key donors, civil society, the private sector, the science and innovation community, and independent members who will join in their private capacity.

To guide and oversee the process of transitioning to the Board, the existing Board-appointed a Transition Oversight Committee (TOC), comprised of both current and prospective Board members, as well as other RBM Partnership stakeholders. After all nominations are complete, the new RBM Partnership Board will hold its first meeting in-person on 15-16 May 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland.

## **Call for Unaffiliated Board Members**

To bring complementary skills and experience to further the Partnership’s mission to end malaria, the new hybrid Board structure is looking to fill two “unaffiliated” Board seats. These unaffiliated Board members will sit in their private capacity and contribute to ensuring all deliberations are balanced, holistic and unbiased.

The unaffiliated Board members will be selected based upon their individual skills and capabilities, as well as their personal and organisational networks and broader commitment to the Partnership. To maintain a diverse, representational Board as outlined in the RBM Bye-Laws, at least one of the unaffiliated Board Members is drawn from malaria-affected countries and regions. To that end, nominees from malaria-affected countries are particularly encouraged.

This document provides an overview of the nomination and selection process for the unaffiliated members in the RBM Partnership's new Board.

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| The deadline for receipt of nominations is **7 April 2023**  with the nomination and selection process due to conclude on **Friday, 21 April 2023**.  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 and committed to the RBM Partnership Vision is eligible to be considered for becoming an unaffiliated member of the RBM Partnership Board. Unaffiliated 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. More specific information on the responsibilities of RBM Partnership Board members, including unaffiliated members, and expectations for their skills and experience are set out in **Annex 2**. For unaffiliated Board members on the initial new Partnership Board, the Partnership is particularly looking for eligible candidates that are able to bring skills and experience in the finance, risk and/or audit fields.

## Unaffiliated Partnership Board member commitment

Unaffiliated Board members will serve the Partnership for a two-year term, renewable once for a period of up to two years at the discretion of the Partnership Board. Like other Board members, unaffiliated Board members will be expected to attend Board meetings and set aside adequate time to prepare for these meetings. A minimum of two meetings will be held per year, and at least one will be held in-person. All Board members are also expected to be available for Partnership events such as briefings, meetings, receptions etc.

Selection Criteria

To maintain a diverse set of perspectives on the Board, background, sector, and expertise will be considered. Furthermore, at least one of the unaffiliated Board members will be from a malaria-affected country, in line with the requirement that at least half of the Board members are from malaria-affected countries.

## **Nomination and Selection Process**

Partners or sitting Board members may nominate unaffiliated Board member candidates for the new Board. Any individual is encouraged to self-nominate if they have the required skills and experience and is willing to commit the time required.

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

* + 1. Agree to their names being put forward.
    2. Are prepared to serve on the Partnership Board and to attend all meetings either in-person, by videoconference or teleconference.
    3. Recognise that they are only being nominated and that selection for the Board is subject to a selection process and approval by the full Partnership Board.

The Chair of the TOC, together with several other prospective members of the new RBM Partnership Board, will assume the role of the unaffiliated Board member selection committee (Selection Committee) (envisaged in Article 4.3.5 of the Bye-Laws adopted by the Board at its 26th meeting) which will review nominations and recommend suitable candidates to fill the unaffiliated Board seats. They will make recommendations for the full TOC to consider and narrow the selection to two candidates that for appointment by the Board in its new composition at its first meeting on 16 May 2023.

**Selection Timeline**

1. **On 3 March 2023:** Formal call for nominations published on RBM website: https://endmalaria.org/
2. **7 April 2023:** Nominations close.
3. **Until 21 April 2023:** Selection Committee reviews nominations and agrees recommendations to the Transition Oversight Committee.
4. **16 May 2023:** the RBM Partnership Board in its new composition will appoint the unaffiliated Board members.

**Information and Support**

Any questions about the nomination process or any other aspects of the unaffiliated Board member selection process should be sent to RBM Board Affairs at [BoardAffairs@endmalaria.org](mailto:BoardAffairs@endmalaria.org).

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**Annex 1:**   
**Nomination Form for unaffiliated members of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria Board**

**Person Making the Nomination:**

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

**Person Being Nominated:**

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

**Has the Person Being Nominated:**

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| 1. *Had the requirements for Board Membership explained to them?* |  |
| 1. *Understood that nomination does not automatically mean they will be selected for the Partnership Board?* |  |
| 1. *Agreed that their name can be put forward into nomination?* |  |

**Qualifications of the Person Being Nominated:**

If available, please provide a CV or a link to a web-profile with information on the nominee’s background and experience. In addition, in no more than 500 words, please explain why the nominated person meets the criteria to become an unaffiliated Board member of the RBM Partnership Board and what he or she would contribute to the Board and the RBM Partnership more broadly:

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Completed nomination forms should be returned to RBM Board Affairs at [BoardAffairs@endmalaria.org](mailto:BoardAffairs@endmalaria.org).

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**Annex 2:**   
**Roles and responsibilities and skills and experience of unaffiliated Board members**

## The first part of this Annex 2 sets out the roles and responsibilities that the RBM Partnership Board members are expected to take on. The second part sets out the skills and experiences that Board members and the unaffiliated Board members are expected to bring. These sections are drawn from the Bye-Laws as adopted by the Partnership Board at its 26th meeting in November 2022 and indicative criteria for Board members and the Chair that were presented to the Board at its 25th Board meeting in October 2022.

Responsibilities

The RBM Bye-Laws as adopted by the RBM Partnership Board at its 26th Meeting (section 4.3.3) in November 2022 outlines the following responsibilities of all Board members including the unaffiliated members in that they are expected to:

* Commit time (non-remunerated) of approximately 15 days per year and to attend all Partnership Board meetings.[[1]](#footnote-1)
* Act as an advocate on behalf of the Partnership to all stakeholders and support the CEO and the Secretariat in its partnership resource mobilization efforts by making new connections, and utilizing existing relationships to garner awareness and funding for the Partnership’s Vision.
* Read documents and gain an understanding of all issues, prior to Partnership Board deliberations (meetings (in person and video), teleconferences, email communication).
* Reach out to the groups or constituencies that they represent to ensure the Partnership Board’s discussions are informed by constituents’ views and that the groups and constituencies are made aware of the outcome of Board meetings.
* Participate fully in Partnership Board meetings and discussions.
* Reach out to Partners, either individually or through any groups of like-minded Partners that may have been formed, to ensure that the Partnership Board’s discussions are informed by a wide range of views from within the Partnership.
* Actively contribute and support the development / refinement of the Partnership Strategy and workplan.

Skills and experience

In terms of skills and experiences, all RBM Partnership Board members are expected to be able to demonstrate most of the following skills:

* In-depth understanding of and personal commitment to the Partnership principles, core values, and achievement of its Vision.
* Be recognized 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. represents a larger viewpoint, possess decision-making authority within their organization).
* 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.

In addition, unaffiliated Board members are expected to demonstrate the following:

* Senior executives capable of providing meaningful guidance and oversight to the RBM Partnership and its Board
* Bringing complementary skills, experience, and networks to those available on the Board in areas such as:
  + finance and audit,
  + risk management,
  + advocacy and communications,
  + resource mobilization from private or public sources,
  + academia or research,
  + connecting ideas with implementers,
  + public health and related subject matters.

1. While there is no remuneration for RBM Partnership Board members, in accordance with the hosting organisation’s (UNOPS) policy certain expenses will be reimbursed. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)