

**32<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE RBM PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**4-5 December 2024**

**W Hotel, Bogota, Colombia**

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Slides presented and circulated pre-reads available on the [Board Portal](#)  
Attendance list available in Annex*

**4 December 2024 - Day 1**

**1. Agenda ([RBM/BM32/2024/01](#))**

1.1. The **Board Chair** opened the meeting and welcomed participants, in particular Alternate Board Member Hamza Djibo (Civil Society), who was attending his first in-person meeting following his appointment to the Board on 1 September 2024.

1.2. The Alternate Board Member for the Americas, Dr Gabriel Carrasquilla, formally introduced the **Honourable Colombian Minister of Health and Social Protection, Dr Guillermo Alfonso Jaramillo** who inaugurated the meeting and gave a presentation on the current situation of malaria in Colombia.

1.3. The **Board Chair** invited Board Members to declare any conflicts of interest and, subsequently, noted that no conflicts of interest had been raised at the meeting.

1.4. The **Board Chair** presented the agenda, as set out in [RBM/BM32/2024/01](#), for decision. The **Board adopted** the agenda.

***Decision Point 01: Adoption of Agenda***

The RBM Partnership to End Malaria Board adopted the 32<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting agenda.

1.5. The **Governance Officer** presented an update on follow-up to the 31<sup>st</sup> Board meeting, held virtually on 4 September 2024, including the circulation of minutes, decision points, and e-decisions, as circulated under document [RBM/B32/2024/02](#). The **Board formally approved** the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes.

***Decision Point 02: 31<sup>st</sup> Board meeting minutes***

The RBM Partnership to End Malaria Board formally approved the 31<sup>st</sup> Board meeting minutes.

**2. Report of the RBM Partnership CEO ([RBM/BM32/2024/03](#))**

2.1. At the request of the **Board Chair**, the **Finance Committee Chair** and **Resource Mobilization Chair** shared reflections on the past months of activities. The **Finance Committee Chair** highlighted key accomplishments, including the successful completion of two internal audits (2022 and 2023), a significant improvement in the burn rate, and a notable reduction in risk items. The **Resource Mobilization Chair**, leading the newly established committee, emphasized efforts to retain current donors, secure new funding, and build a donor pipeline. Notable successes included a US\$6.5 million funding agreement with the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office and ongoing discussions with potential new donors.

2.2. The **CEO** delivered a strategic overview of 2024 and an outline of 2025 priorities, underscoring the need for bold actions, strategic partnerships, and restructuring to tackle challenges and accelerate malaria elimination efforts. The report addressed the following key areas:

- (i) Shared progress: Cabo Verde and Egypt being declared malaria-free and the launch of the Yaoundé Declaration.
- (ii) Partnership Engagement: Strengthened partnerships with key stakeholders—including the private sector (Business Alliance Against Malaria), UNICEF, UNDP, the Geneva Learning Foundation, and the University of Pretoria—and enhanced outreach efforts to engage non-traditional partners and expand collaboration.
- (iii) Financial & operational improvements at the Secretariat: continual improvement of burn rate throughout the year and successful completion of two audits, with the 2023 audit recording zero findings, reflecting improved processes, controls, and compliance.
- (iv) External challenges: drug resistance, climate change impacts, multi-sectoral coordination, and funding gaps.

2.3. The **CEO** also shared key lessons learned, including the importance of stronger ministerial engagement, fostering country ownership, and leveraging innovative financing by aligning malaria efforts with broader climate change and development agendas.

2.4. The **CEO** also referred to the ongoing restructuring of the Secretariat to improve agility, responsiveness, and capacity in critical areas, including technical assistance, data systems, advocacy, and resource mobilization.

#### *Discussion*

2.5. **Board Members** welcomed the CEO's report, appreciating the presentation format and highlighting its clarity, comprehensiveness, and ability to contextualize achievements from the past year.

2.6. **Board members** made the following suggestions:

- (i) seek global engagement through platforms like the G20 and G7, collaboration with organizations such as Global Citizen, and revisiting past intervention efforts to ensure sustainability;
- (ii) diversify funding sources by attracting new contributors while consolidating existing donor relationships;
- (iii) achieve meaningful youth inclusion in governance through integration across Partnership mechanisms;
- (iv) promote multi-sectoral collaboration with agriculture, urbanization, and mining sectors to address malaria challenges, while advocating for inclusivity by involving vulnerable groups like people with disabilities; and,
- (v) continue to celebrate malaria elimination milestones to drive progress and inspire action, alongside efforts to change the narrative by linking malaria to development and climate issues.

2.7. The **CEO** expressed gratitude to the **Board** for their feedback and referred to several strategic opportunities:

- a. Global Platforms and Partnerships: Leveraging South Africa's hosting of the G20 to expand partnerships while also strengthening ministerial engagement and maximizing connections through platforms such as the African Union.
- b. Country-Level Engagement: Utilizing CRSPC meetings to share best practices and lessons learned and applying insights to enhance national-level outcomes.
- c. Youth and Inclusivity: Expanding the role of youth while ensuring meaningful participation and institutionalizing their contributions.
- d. Multi-Sectoral Collaboration: Contextualizing and implementing the multisectoral toolkit to engage sectors such as mining, agriculture, and education.

- e. Events: Shifting to outcome-driven, multi-stakeholder events, involving broader sectors and encouraging countries to co-host events.
- f. Innovative Financing and Narrative Shift: Addressing fiscal constraints through innovative financing mechanisms, particularly by aligning malaria initiatives with climate crisis narratives.

### 3. World Malaria Report

3.1. **Dr. Ngamije, Board Member for WHO**, joined virtually to deliver a presentation on the yet-to-be published 2024 WHO World Malaria Report, providing a comprehensive overview of the global malaria situation, highlighting both the progress made and the significant challenges that remain, with a particular focus on equity and vulnerability.

3.2. **Board members** commended the WHO report for its balanced presentation of achievements and challenges, and particularly its focus on intersectionality. While progress with new tools was celebrated, concerns were raised about regional risks. Additionally, members stressed the need for equitable management of new tools and coordinated, evidence-based strategies to sustain progress while addressing emerging challenges.

### 4. Partnership Updates & 2024 results ([RBM/BM32/2024/04](#))

4.1. The **Board Chair** invited the RBM Partnership Working Groups and Partner Committees to present their 2024 achievements and impact, their linkages with other WGs and PCs, and their 2025 workplans and planned tactical shifts.

*The session commenced with presentations by the WGs, followed by the PCs and the Data Initiative.*

4.2. The **Surveillance, Monitoring, and Evaluation Working Group Co-Chairs** presented the SMEWG update as contained in the meeting slides. The SMEWG requested Board support for its key activities and in increasing visibility and advocating for SME priorities at high-level meetings. In addition, the Co-Chairs encouraged Board participation in their annual meetings.

4.3. The **Vector Control Working Group Co-Chairs** presented the VCWG update as contained in the meeting slides. The VCWG requested Board participation in their annual meeting and support the visibility of VCWG in high-level advocacy events.

4.4. The **Multi Sector Working Group Co-Chairs** presented the MSWG update as contained in the meeting slides. The MSWG requested Board support in advocating for malaria integration in non-health sectors, establishing formal relationships with UN agencies to align multi-sector efforts, dedicating a board member to support multi-sector activities and facilitate engagements with ministries of finance and urban development.

4.5. The **ARMPC and SCPC Co-Chairs** gave a joint update on ARMPC and SCPC ahead of the proposed merger of the committees. They highlighted the ARMPC and SCPC achievements in 2024 and priorities for 2025, emphasizing youth engagement, advocacy, and resource mobilization. In particular, they detailed their efforts to strengthen youth engagement and partnerships with networks across Francophone and Anglophone countries, leveraging leaders to amplify malaria advocacy in climate and health spaces. They also emphasized the need for structural support, including recruiting a youth coordinator, and showcased their collaboration with global organizations like the Global Fund and private sector partners to enhance advocacy and funding strategies.

4.6. Advocacy and communications priorities for 2025, as set out by the **Co-Chairs**, included aligning communications with the Big Push agenda, fostering private sector engagement and leveraging high-profile events such as the G7 to support the securing of funding for malaria elimination. Collaboration across Working Groups and PCs on resource mobilization, domestic financing, and gender and climate initiatives were underscored as vital for achieving these goals.

4.7. The CRSPC updates were presented by the **CRSPC Co-Chairs** who highlighted their achievements, which included providing technical assistance to 119 countries, with a primary focus on Sub-Saharan Africa, and the ongoing implementation of reforms to improve strategic alignment and operational efficiency.

These reforms had included the introduction of an online Technical Assistance request form and transitioning from permanent workstreams to task-specific task forces to address emerging issues.

4.8. The **CRSPC Co-Chairs** emphasized the CRSPC's efforts to enhance partner engagement, streamline processes, and strengthen the technical assistance framework. In addition, they sought clarification on CRPSC's role in the Big Push.

4.9. The **Data Initiative Manager** presented an update on the Global Malaria Dashboard, emphasizing the transition towards a more agile and cost-effective platform to address country needs and bottlenecks. She highlighted the platform's interactive features, such as real-time technical assistance requests and gap analysis tools.

#### *Discussion*

4.10. **Board members** expressed appreciation for the presentations on Partner Committees (PCs) and Working Groups (WGs) and emphasized the importance of improving coordination to avoid duplication, aligning responsibilities, and enhancing communication among PCs and WGs. Questions were raised about how the 2025 workplan, which was not fully funded, would impact planned activities, and how efficiencies could be achieved for better value delivery.

4.11. Several **Board members** highlighted the need for better integration of data from PCs and WGs to optimize its use for decision-making and suggested holding more joint sessions or consolidated meetings to foster collaboration on cross-cutting issues, prevent siloed approaches, and to ensure impact on the ground. Additionally, members sought clarity on prioritization, metrics of success, and how the flow between WGs, PCs, and the Secretariat could be improved and sustained into 2025.

4.12. The **CEO** discussed efforts to improve knowledge capture and dissemination, including plans to designate a specific role focused on managing and broadly disseminating the knowledge generated within the Secretariat, ensuring it is more effectively utilized both internally and externally. The CEO also discussed ongoing work to streamline crosscutting themes like gender, humanitarian crises, and climate change. In response to concerns about meeting efficiency and silos, the CEO referred to strategic coordination meetings involving co-chairs from Partner Committees, Working Groups, and the Secretariat.

4.13. In response to Board questions, the **SCPC Co-Chair** outlined the workplan prioritization process discussed at their planning workshop in October 2024, which identified key work areas such as youth engagement, Francophone engagement, and private sector collaboration. She highlighted the importance of leveraging partner resources to create a comprehensive advocacy and communications strategy aimed at shaping the global malaria narrative. Regarding success measurement, the **SCPC Co-Chair** mentioned the development of a theory of influence and KPIs and emphasized the 2025 priority to develop a clear global resource mobilization strategy, integrating donor, domestic, and private sector funding.

4.14. In response to Board questions, the **CRSPC Co-Chair** explained that while the CRSPC does not provide technical assistance directly to CSOs, its work ensures their engagement through other initiatives. She also noted that CRSPC meetings include invitations to Working Group Co-Chairs or members to share their activities, fostering awareness and collaboration across groups.

4.15. The **Board Chair** noted the requests made by WGs and PCs to the Board and indicated that the Board would consider those requests and respond in due course.

## **5. [Big Push \(RBM/BM32/2024/05\)](#)**

5.1. The **CEO** presented the Big Push to the Board (see meeting slides), highlighting its role in reinvigorating the fight against malaria by aligning with existing strategies such as the Yaoundé Declaration and AU Catalytic Framework while introducing new, transformative actions. In particular, he emphasized that as custodians, RBM is committed to sustaining and operationalizing the Big Push through coordination with partners, rigorous monitoring, and continuous stakeholder engagement.

#### *Discussion*

5.2. **Board members** expressed support for the Big Push but emphasized the need for greater urgency and clearer definitions of success and tangible targets to measure progress. Questions arose about whether current targets, such as those in the GTS framework, should be revisited. Members highlighted the importance of focusing on high-priority actions, using a robust theory of change, and ensuring that efforts translate into measurable outcomes like reduced malaria mortality and incidence.

5.3. Several comments from **Board members** underscored the need for further coordination and collaboration among stakeholders, including funders, countries, and civil society, to align efforts effectively. There was also discussion about leveraging existing tools and frameworks, such as the ALMA scorecards, to enhance accountability and tracking. Additionally, members stressed the importance of clear and unified messaging about the Big Push's objectives in order to engage stakeholders and drive collective action.

5.4. **Board members** also emphasized the need to balance optimism with realism, underscoring the need to redefine the narrative to focus on achievements and a "winning story" in order to sustain support and investment in malaria efforts, especially under resource constraints.

5.5. The **CEO** reiterated that the Big Push represented a necessary shift from "business as usual" to a more detailed and actionable approach to achieve transformative change and that it is not static but will adapt as new commitments and progress shape the path toward an enabling environment for eradication. He also suggested that while significant work and alignment had been achieved and the process was ready to move forward, it would remain adaptable to incorporate feedback and refine the approach.

5.6. **BCG** emphasized that the Big Push seeks to reinvigorate malaria progress by identifying gaps in current efforts and focusing on improved collaboration among stakeholders. They also recommended clearer prioritization of actions, assigning specific responsibilities to stakeholders to simplify implementation.

5.7. The **CEO** expressed gratitude for the Board's comments and reaffirmed the relevance of the Big Push's six pillars and actions, which would serve as the foundation for the Secretariat workplan over the coming years.

## 6. 2025 Workplan, Budget and Impact

### *Finance Committee Report* ([RBM/BM32/2024/06](#))

6.1. The **Finance Committee Chair** and **Finance and Operations Manager** presented the Finance updates (see meeting slides) in follow-up to the 37th Finance Committee meeting<sup>1</sup> held in early November. This included a recommendation for a US\$1.5 million budget rollover from 2024 to 2025 (which would be discussed further during the approval of the 2025 Workplan and Budget).

6.2. In a separate item, the **Finance Committee Chair**, following their consideration by the Finance Committee, submitted the internal RBM Monitoring Guidelines for Grants<sup>2</sup> to the Board for its approval as set out in Annex C to document RBM/BM32/2024/06.

6.3. The **Board** approved the Monitoring Guidelines for Grants as submitted for its consideration by the Finance Committee Chair.

#### ***Decision Point 03: Financial Monitoring Guidelines for Grants***

The RBM Partnership to End Malaria Board approved the Monitoring Guidelines for Grants as submitted for its consideration by the Finance Committee Chair.

### *2025 Workplan and Budget* ([RBM/BM32/2024/07](#))

<sup>1</sup> The minutes of the 37th Finance Committee meeting are annexed to document RBM/BM32/2024/06 in Annex A therein.

<sup>2</sup> The Monitoring Guidelines for Grants were drafted in line with a recommendation included in the 2022 Internal Audit Report, which was completed in October 2024.

6.4. The **CEO** presented the 2025 workplan and budget, as set out in document RBM/BM32/2024/07, emphasizing its alignment with the RBM Strategic Plan (2021–2025) and the Big Push, highlighting high-impact, resource-optimized activities developed collaboratively by the Secretariat, Partner Committees, and Working Groups. The total budget proposed budget of US\$17.5 million, included US\$13.3 million in hard pipeline and a US\$4.18 million aspirational component.

*Discussion*

6.5. A **Board member** emphasized the importance of strengthening country engagement to enhance RBM’s visibility and alignment with national efforts and prioritizing support for countries nearing malaria elimination

6.6. The **Board** approved the 2025 Workplan and Budget.

**Decision Point 04: 2025 Workplan and Budget**

The RBM Partnership Board approved the following:

- (i) the inclusion of the 2024 budget carryover within the 2025 budget amount, totaling approximately USD 1,540,038;
- (ii) the 2025 Workplan and Budget Narrative, as set out in BM32/2024/07 and which was prepared in alignment with the pillars and activities of the ‘Big Push’ initiative against malaria (BM32/2024/05);
- (iii) the 2025 Budget in the amount of USD 17,543,568, with USD 13,359,013 being initially approved, and an aspirational component of USD 4,187,555 to be incorporated as funding is mobilized, as set out in BM32/2024/07; and,
- (iv) the 2025 monitoring framework, as set out in BM32/2024/07.

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**7. UNICEF**

7.1. **Fouzia Shafique, UNICEF's Associate Director of Health**, together with her UNICEF colleagues, connected virtually to deliver a presentation on UNICEF and the challenges of addressing malaria amidst overlapping public health emergencies, humanitarian crises, and strained health systems (see meeting slides).

7.2. **Board members** raised questions to UNICEF about the rollout of malaria vaccines, including the countries implementing them and the vaccination schedule for children, and inquired about how UNICEF envisions strengthening partnership with RBM to enhance the malaria response, particularly through mutual collaboration and integrated community health interventions.

7.3. **UNICEF** addressed Board members' questions by detailing the malaria vaccine rollout and stressing the importance of integration across health initiatives to enhance impact and resource efficiency.

7.4. The **CEO** expressed gratitude for UNICEF’s engagement in the meeting and emphasized the importance of turning these discussions into tangible collaborations. In addition, he highlighted shared priorities such as addressing malaria in pregnancy and improving IPTp coverage, proposing closer coordination at the country level.

7.5. The **CEO** also underscored opportunities to streamline advocacy and communication efforts and suggested integrating UNICEF’s data into RBM’s Global Malaria Dashboard to enhance oversight and continuity. In addition, he stressed the importance of leveraging collective expertise to strengthen collaboration and serve the shared goal of benefiting children and advancing malaria eradication efforts.

## 8. Private Sector Constituency

8.1. At the opening of the presentation, one of the two **Board Members for Private Sector**, Caroline Desrousseau, announced that she would be stepping down from the Board at the end of December 2024.

8.2. The **Alternate Board Member for Private Sector** presented an update on the work of the Private Sector Constituency (see meeting slides) and its priorities for the coming year: diversifying private sector engagement beyond BAAM's membership to include multi-sectoral collaboration and emphasizing the value of innovation in the fight against malaria.

8.3. The **Finance Committee Chair** and **Board Member for the Private Sector** highlighted that many BAAM partners are also part of the private sector constituency at the Global Fund, creating opportunities to align efforts across both forums and collaborate on co-hosted events with the Global Fund, RBM, and BAAM.

8.4. **Board members** commended the Private Sector focus on innovation and highlighted the importance of engaging the African private sector as well as linking innovation with improved implementation to ensure sustained progress toward elimination and eradication. Specific suggestions included:

- (i) clarifying roles within the Partnership (Board, PCs, WGs, Secretariat) in relation to private sector engagement to ensure a unified private sector strategy;
- (ii) leveraging private sector allies for advocacy with ministries and heads of government to enhance political support for malaria initiatives;
- (iii) strengthening connections between the Private Sector Constituency and relevant RBM Partnership Working Groups and Partner Committees; and,
- (iv) creating more targeted advocacy materials for resource mobilization and strategic engagement.

8.5. In response to questions, the **Alternate Board Member for Private Sector** emphasized the importance of Board Members, particularly civil society, in preparing communities for new innovations to ensure smooth adoption. In terms of collaboration with the Partnership, she clarified the strong coordination between the Private Sector Constituency and the Partner Committees and Working Groups. In addition, she committed to collaborating on private sector engagement strategies, resource mobilization, and coordination for upcoming events.

8.6. The **Finance Committee Chair** and **Board Member for the Private Sector** also emphasized BAAM's intent to host in-country events with local partners to engage the domestic private sector.

8.7. The **Board Chair** expressed gratitude to the Private Sector Constituency and highlighted the importance of the private sector engagement strategy to help focus efforts and target priorities effectively.

## 9. RBM Global Fund Advisory Committee

9.1. The **GFAC Chair**, Dr. Melanie Renshaw, presented an update on the RBM Global Fund Advisory Committee (see meeting slides). In particular, the GFAC Chair highlighted the decision by the Global Fund Board in November 2024 to approve a disease split methodology that would accelerate resources to malaria. The Chair highlighted the important role of modelling data provided by the Malaria Atlas Project and the targeted advocacy by GFAC members, RBM Board Members, and the RBM CEO in achieving that positive outcome.

9.2. The **CEO** expressed gratitude to the **GFAC Chair** on the significant progress made by the Committee and emphasized that the success achieved over just a few months demonstrated the power of the RBM Partnership when aligned, focused, and collaborative.

9.3. The **Board Chair** echoed the remarks of several Board members who expressed gratitude to the GFAC Chair for her leadership and commended all Board Members and Partners for their collaborative efforts. In addition, she emphasized that while the progress was commendable, the work was not complete regarding the Global Fund replenishment and called on everyone to continue in their efforts.

**10. Governance reforms (RBM/BM32/2024/08)**

10.1. The **CEO** initiated the presentation on governance reforms (see meeting slides) and reemphasized the importance of integrating youth into RBM's governance structures, reflecting on discussions from the previous day. The CEO requested a mandate to develop and present options for youth representation across the Partnership by the May 2025 Board meeting, ensuring the proposal includes budgetary implications.

10.2. A **Board member** suggested including language in the decision to reflect the inclusion of youth across Partnership mechanisms and another member highlighted the need to mentor and appropriately position these youth representatives.

10.3. The **Board** approved a decision to strengthen youth representation across the governance mechanisms of the Partnership.

**Decision Point 05: Youth Representation**

The RBM Partnership to End Malaria Board:

(i) decided that youth, as key stakeholders in the fight against malaria, should be represented in the governance mechanisms of the Partnership.

(ii) requested the CEO to present at its meeting in May 2025 options for putting this in place, including any budgetary implications associated with the options.

10.4. The **CEO** outlined the progress made in implementing the reforms and handed over to the **CRSPC Co-Chair**, who presented proposed updates to the CRSPC Terms of Reference (as set out in Annex 1 to document RBM/BM32/2024/08). The **CRSPC Co-Chair** highlighted the comprehensive and inclusive process undertaken to ensure the revised ToRs address previous gaps and are aligned with the broader RBM governance reforms as well as the importance of these updates in improving CRSPC's functionality and impact.

10.5. A **Board member** underscored the need to demonstrate the impact of technical assistance while progressing toward country independence and reiterated a suggestion made at a previous meeting on the introduction of an opt-out mechanism for sharing technical assistance deliverables.

10.6. The **Board** approved the new Terms of Reference for CRSPC.

**Decision Point 06: CRSPC Terms of Reference**

The RBM Partnership Board approved the Terms of Reference for Country and Regional Support Partner Committee attached as Annex 1 to Board document RBM/BM32/2024/08 which will replace previously adopted documentation governing this Partner Committee.

10.7. The **RBM Global Communications and External Engagement Advisor** outlined the Terms of Reference for the Advocacy, Resource Mobilisation and Communications Partner Committee (as set out in Annex 2 to document RBM/BM32/2024/08), which were developed collaboratively with Co-Chairs and Steering Group members and incorporating feedback from the October advocacy workshop. She noted that should the ToRs be approved, the next steps would include a call for nominations for Steering Group members to be finalized by end of January.

10.8. A **Board member** emphasized the importance of the new Partner Committee focusing on concrete outcomes, aligning these with priorities across the partnership, and leveraging opportunities with the Working Groups to enhance impact.

10.9. The **Board** approved the establishment of ARCPC.



**Decision Point 07 – Establishment of ARCPC**

The RBM Partnership to End Malaria Board:

- (i) approved the Terms of Reference for the Advocacy, Resource Mobilisation and Communications Partner Committee (“ARCPC”) attached as Annex 2 to document RBM/BM32/2024/08 which, upon the establishment of the ARCPC becoming effective in line with the arrangements set out below, will replace previously adopted documentation governing the Advocacy and Resource Mobilisation and the Strategic Communications Partner Committees;
- (ii) approved the appointment of Ms Olivia Ngou and Ms Maelle Ba as inaugural Co-Chairs of the Advocacy, Resource Mobilisation and Communications Partner Committee from 1 January 2025 until the expiry of their respective current terms as Co-Chairs of the Advocacy and Resource Mobilisation Partner Committee and Strategic Communications Partner Committee, after which time they each will be eligible to seek a further term as Co-Chair;
- (iii) approved that the Advocacy, Resource Mobilisation and Communications Partner Committee will be formally established effective 1 January 2025 when it replaces the Advocacy and Resource Mobilisation Partner Committee and the Strategic Communications Partner Committee, which will be discontinued and any of its structures or work streams disbanded effective on the same date;
- (iv) requested the Co-chairs-designate of the ARCPC and the CEO to make the necessary arrangements for the operationalization of the ARCPC, including populating a Steering Group in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures of the Partner Committees.

10.10. **Bridges for Development** consultants presented the updates (as set out in Annex 3-5 to document RBM/BM32/2024/08) to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of Partner Committees and Working Groups and Bye-laws in line with the implementation of the governance reforms and to ensure consistency with the updated Terms of Reference of Partner Committees.

10.11. The **Board** approved the SOPs and Bye-laws.

**Decision Point 08: Partner Committee Standard Operating Procedures**

The RBM Partnership to End Malaria Board approved the Partner Committee Standard Operating Procedures attached as Annex 3 to document RBM/BM32/2024/08, replacing previously adopted Partner Committee Standard Operating Procedures.

**Decision Point 09: Working Group Standard Operating Procedures**

The RBM Partnership to End Malaria Board approved the Working Group Standard Operating Procedures attached as Annex 4 to document RBM/BM32/2024/08, replacing previously adopted Working Group Standard Operating Procedures.

**Decision Point 10: RBM Partnership Byelaws**

The RBM Partnership to End Malaria Board approved the RBM Partnership Bye-Laws attached as Annex 5 to document RBM/BM32/2024/08, replacing the previously adopted RBM Partnership Bye-Laws.

**11. Review of decisions and closing remarks**

11.1. The Governance Officer reviewed and agreed with the Board the decision points as presented and approved throughout the meeting.

11.2. The **CEO** requested an adjustment to Decision Point 4 (2025 Workplan and Budget) in order to add a reference under point two to clarify that the 2025 workplan and budget were fully aligned with the pillars and activities of the Big Push. In response to a question on the budget implications of the custodian role of the Secretariat, the **Board Vice-Chair** reiterated that the approved 2025 Workplan was fully aligned with the pillars of the Big Push, and therefore underscored the importance of ensuring a fully funded Secretariat. In addition, the **CEO** reassured the Board that under the 2025 Workplan, activities had been prioritized in line with the secured funding amount of US\$13.3 million and he reiterated the gaps in funding, particularly for ARCP activities, noting that the restructuring of the Secretariat would seek to optimize resources. The **Board approved** the amended decision point on the 2025 Workplan and Budget.

11.3. The **Board Chair** summarized the review of requests made by Working Groups and Partner Committees during their presentations, noting that many had already been included under the approved 2025 Workplan and Budget. More specifically, in line with the requests, moving forward, Board members would be informed of relevant PC and WG meeting for potential virtual participation, with specific members invited based on expertise, whereas the proposal for assigning focal points from the Board to Working Groups would be left open for voluntary participation. Regarding support in the engagement of ministers, the **Board Chair** suggested arranging side events at existing ministerial meetings with Secretariat support. The Chair also encouraged Working Groups to raise further issues in upcoming meetings.

11.4. After determining there was no further business, the meeting was considered concluded.

## **12. Executive Session**

12.1. The **Board Chair** convened an executive session for Board members and Alternate Board members only.

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE 32<sup>ND</sup> BOARD MEETING OF THE RBM PARTNERSHIP

### BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES

Board Members and Alternates			Comments
Board Chair	Joy Phumaphi	Board Member	
Board Vice Chair	Marijke Wijnroks	Board Member	
Affected Countries	Julio Rakotonirina	Board Member, African Union	
	Félix Agbla	Alternate Board Member, Africa (WAHO)	
	Keith Carter	Board Member, Americas	
	Gabriel Carrasquilla	Alternate, Americas	
	Sarthak Das	Board Member, Asia-Pacific	
	Dr Rose Mudin	Alternate, Asia-Pacific	
Civil Society	Joseph Wato	Board Member	
	Cecilia Afua Lodonu-Senoo	Alternate	
	Ayo Ipinmoye	Board Member	<i>Virtual</i>
	Hamza Djibo	Alternate	
Funder	Helen Jamet	Board Member	<i>Virtual</i>
	Amy Kesterton	Alternate Board Member	
	David Walton	Board Member	
	Avery Avrakotos	Alternate	<i>Virtual</i>
Private Sector	Caroline Desrousseaux	Board Member	<i>Virtual</i>
	Juliana Richardson	Alternate	
	Sherwin Charles	Board Member	
	Ian Boulton	Alternate	<i>Virtual</i>
Science & Innovation	Isabella Oyier	Board Member	
	Neena Valecha	Alternate	<i>Virtual</i>
Unaffiliated	Yacine Djibo	Board Member	
	Yvonne Chaka Chaka	Board Member	
UNOPS	Andrew Kirkwood	Board Member	
WHO	Daniel Ngamije	Board Member	<i>Virtual</i>

## **PARTNER COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

<b>PC Co-Chairs</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Ba, Maelle	SCPC Co-Chair	-
Ngou, Olivia	ARMPC Co-Chair	-
Achu, Dorothy	CRSPC Co-Chair	-
Bilak, Hana	CRSPC Co-Chair	<i>Virtual</i>
<b>Working Group Co-Chairs &amp; Coordinators</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Konstantina Boutiska	CMWG, VCWG, MSWG Coordinator	-
Emma Holland	SME WG Coordinator	<i>Virtual</i>
Julie Gutzman	MiP WG	<i>Virtual</i>
Graham Alabaster	MS WG	<i>Virtual</i>
Peter Mbabazi	MS WG	-
Gabrielle Hunter	SBC WG	<i>Virtual</i>
Ashley Riley	SBC Coordinator	<i>Virtual</i>
Nabukenya Mariam Wamala	SBC WG	<i>Virtual</i>
Elizabeth Chiyende	SBC WG	<i>Virtual</i>
Whajib Mohammed	SME WG	
Molly Robertson	SME WG	<i>Virtual</i>
Corine Ngufor	VCWG	

## **RBM Secretariat**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Michael Adekunle Charles	CEO
Barbara Laurenceau	Head of Programmes
Robert Olney	Governance Officer
Lizz Ntonjira	Global Communications and External Engagement Advisor
Priscilla Ngero	Finance and Administration Manager
Fikani Gibson	Administration Senior Assistant
Sara Gonzalez	Data Manager
<i>All other RBM Secretariat colleagues participated virtually</i>	

## **SPECIAL INVITEES**

<b>Special Invitees</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Elizabeth Chizema	Advisor, ALMA	<i>Virtual</i>
Cassie Dormond	BAAM/Private Sector Focal Point	<i>Virtual</i>
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