RBM Partnership To End Malaria
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15th VCWG Meeting.

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**TABLE 1: COUNTRIES AND WHO-REGIONS REPRESENTED AT VCWG-15**

**THIS YEAR**, the RBM VCWG-15 meeting counts **308 participants** (as of 22.1.2020), the highest participation to date! The participants are from **54 countries**, representing all 6 WHO regions (AFRO, PAHO, SEARO, EURO, EMRO, WPRO) (*Table 1*).
What is new this year?

A year of ‘firsts’

1. VCWG App - agenda and participant contacts are shared

2. Translation into French (thank you SDC)

3. Two new workstream leads in Sheila and Birkinesh

4. First time over 300 participants!!
The main objectives of the VCWG are aligned with RBM’s mandate:

- **Provide** a forum for the dissemination of the normative and policy-setting guidelines of WHO and best practices for adaptation and implementation by international and country-level partners
- **Support** the generation and interpretation of evidence to inform global policy and guidelines
- **Protect** the efficacy of existing tools and stimulate the development of new tools
- Aim at **coordinating** the support to malaria-affected countries
- Diverse partners reach a common understanding of the threats and opportunities, learn from each other and develop the necessary **networks** and activities to overcome these challenges
This meeting helps to support that through

1. Best-practice sharing
(a unique blend and balance of constituencies helps to achieve that)

2. Aligning constituencies on challenges faced in malaria vector control
(And contributing towards evidence creation)

3. Information dissemination (eg. Updates from RBM & WHO and presentations on new ideas & how they might contribute to the elimination agenda)

4. Networking – a unique concentration of stakeholders in this room
VCWG work streams and co-leads

- **LLIN Priorities**: Hannah Koenker and Ikupa Akim
- **IRS IRM Priorities**: Mark Hoppe and Dereje Dengela
- **Larval Source Management**: Silas Majambere and Ulrike Fillinger
- **New Tools, New Challenges in VC**: Allison Tatarsky and Sheila Ogoma
- **IVM, Evidence and Capacity**: Josianne Etang and Birkinesh Ameneshewa
- **Vector Borne Disease and the Built Environment**: Steve Lindsay and Lucy Tusting
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