

5. Conclusions and Recommendations

Terms of Reference. The revised Working Group Terms of Reference that had been discussed earlier in the meeting were presented, further discussed and endorsed as follows:

1. Facilitate consensus on strategic issues for going to scale with ITNs
2. Synthesize knowledge, disseminate and advocate best practices for going to scale with ITNs
3. Provide support on strategic issues to the RBM Partnership for going to scale with ITNs
4. Facilitate the capacity of RBM sub-regional networks to respond to identified country needs for going to scale with ITNs
5. Identify emerging implementation research questions pertinent to going to scale with ITNs, and advocate these to appropriate partners
6. Contribute to ITN monitoring (ITN indicators, database and data gathering)
7. Create and maintain effective linkages with other relevant WGs, and across other programmes to assist coordination of strategies
8. Promote public-private partnerships and targeted subsidies for the provision of nets and insecticides (including development of new products and production capacity)

Working Group Secretariat. There was time for a brief discussion of the functions and process for identifying a host secretariat for the working group. The suggested functions were:

- Manage resources provided by RBM Secretariat and other donors
- Provision of FTEs for WG coordinator and support staff
- Logistical and secretarial support to WG secretariat
- Host/organize meetings of core group and satellite groups
- Manage conference calls for WG
- Manage web based, list-serve or e-mail communication among for the WG membership for WG activities
- Conduct regular monitoring of WG activities
- Provide regular updates to WG
- Prepare and distribute meeting reports
- Follow-up recommendations of the WG

It was decided that the Chair and Co-Chair would draw up a process to call for expressions of interest to host the Working Group secretariat that would describe the functions required, the review process and criteria. It is expected that the time frame would be 2-year periods and that the current WHO secretariat arrangements would continue for the first year. This call would be circulated among the core group before being finalized and issued.

Conclusions and next steps. It was concluded that the objectives of the meeting (i.e. to review and approve the Working Group Terms of Reference, and develop the first year work plan and budget) had been achieved. What remained was for the Chair, Co-Chair and Rapporteur to compile the work plan and budget into a single document and circulate it to the core group for quick review before submitting it to the RBM Board meeting for 22 September 2003.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Don de Savigny was formally elected Chair of the **Working Group on ITNs (WIN)** and Kabir Cham was elected vice chair.