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World Malaria Day

Paris, 25 April 2019

Paris: host city for World Malaria Day 2019

World Malaria Day is internationally observed on 25 April each year.

Paris will be the host city of this year's World Malaria Day with a series of events to mobilise decision makers and members of the public. Around the world, numerous events engaging local authorities and communities are held in malaria affected countries.

With malaria cases on the rise for the first time in a decade, World Malaria Day, which is jointly organized by the RBM Partnership to End Malaria and the World Health Organization (WHO), is the highlight of global commitment to end the disease.

The theme of World Malaria Day 2019, "Zero Malaria Starts with Me!", encourages everyone to make a personal commitment to a world free from malaria.



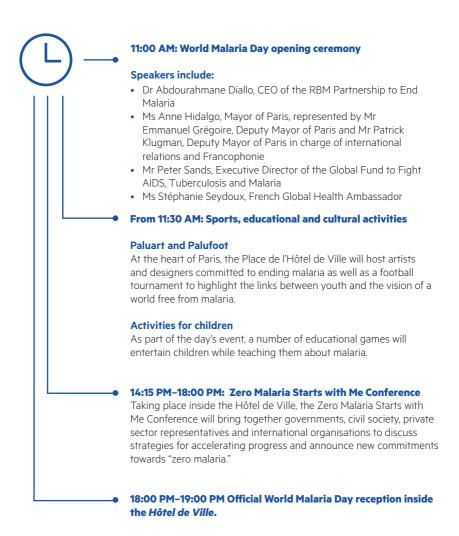






Programme

The main events of World Malaria Day 2019 will take place at the *Place de l'Hôtel de Ville* in Paris.



Zero Malaria Starts with Me Conference

Jointly presented by the City of Paris, the RBM Partnership to End Malaria, Unitaid and Friends of the Global Fund Europe

After decades of historic progress, what strategies can help the world get back on track in the fight against malaria, while assuring that innovations, including drugs, vaccines, and bed nets, reach the people who need them most? Experts from civil society, governments of malaria-endemic countries and the private sector will come together to discuss how to end malaria for good.

Programme

14:15–14:20 **Welcome remarks:** Ms Anne Souyris, Deputy Mayor of Paris

14:20–14:30 **Introductory remarks:** The global fight against malaria: where are we now?

• Dr Abdourahmane Diallo, CEO, RBM Partnership to End Malaria

14:30–14:50 **Keynote Speech:** France commits to *Zero Malaria*

· Prof Agnès Buzyn, Minister of Health and Solidarity, France

14:50–16:00 Panel I: Accelerating progress towards Zero Malaria

Today, 11 countries, including five francophone African countries, account for 70% of all malaria cases in the world, while others are approaching elimination. Humanitarian crises threaten long-term progress, while in Southeast Asia, countries are working together to stem the spread of drug resistance.

Speakers:



Moderator:

Ms Sylvie Chantereau, Executive Director, Friends of the Global Fund Europe Dr Pedro Alonso, Director of the Global Malaria Programme, WHO

Prof Awa Marie Coll Seck, Minister of State of Senegal and Ambassador of the Sahel Malaria Elimination Initiative

Ms Noëlla Coursaris Musunka, Ambassador of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria

Mr Eric Fleutelot, Director of the 5% Initiative, Expertise France

Prof Christian Lengeler, President of the Swiss Malaria Group, and Chief of Unit, Swiss TPH

Dr Stefan Peterson, Chief of Health, UNICEF

Dr Wilfried Marius Dandy Wanikomane, Director of Cabinet, Ministry of Public Health, Central African Republic

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16:00-16:10 Coffee break

16:10 – 17:20 Panel II: Accelerate innovation towards Zero Malaria

Participants will discuss the state of research and development for prevention tools, diagnostics and treatments, including the RTS,S malaria vaccine, seasonal malaria chemoprevention and new nets, as well as upcoming technologies like gene drive.

Speakers:



Moderator:

Ms Sana de Courcelles, Executive Director, Sciences Po School of Public Affairs Mr Steve Davis, CEO, PATH

Dr Philippe Duneton, Deputy Executive Director, Unitaid

Mr Abdoulaye Diouf Sarr, Minister of Health and Social Action, Senegal

Dr Luc Kuykens, Senior Vice-President, Global Health Programs, Sanofi

Dr Dominique Limet, Board Member, Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV)

Ms Delphine Thizy, Stakeholder engagement manager, Target Malaria

17:20–18:00 Closing of the Zero Malaria Starts with Me Conference

Leaders from malaria-endemic countries as well as their international partners will announce new commitments in the fight against malaria.

Speakers:



Moderator:

Mr Henry Bonsu, BBC presenter and international conference moderator Ms Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr OBE, Mayor of Freetown

Mr Pierre Baillet, Permanent Secretary, International Association of Francophone Mayors

Professor Maha Taysir Barakat, Executive Board Chair of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria

H.E. Pierre-Claver Maganga Moussavou, Vice President of Gabon

H.E. Aïssata Issoufou Mahamadou, First Lady of Niger

H.E. Martine Moïse, First Lady of Haiti

Ms Olivia Ngou, Coordinator, Civil Society for Malaria Elimination (CS4ME)

Mr Peter Sands, Executive Director, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Dr Ken Staley, Coordinator, US President's Malaria Initiative

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