

30th meeting of the WHO Malaria Policy Advisory Group (MPAG)

Virtual meeting, 28 – 30 October 2026 (13:00-15:30 GMT+1)
World Health Organization

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 28 October 2026			
	Session 1 (Chair: Professor Dyann Wirth)	Open	
13:00 – 13:15	Welcome by the Chairperson, MPAG	Professor Dyann Wirth MPAG Chairperson	for information
13:15 – 14:15	Report from the Director	Dr Daniel Ngamije M. WHO Director, Malaria & Neglected Tropical Diseases department (MNT)	
	Session 2 (Chair: Professor Dyann Wirth)	Open	
14:15 – 14:45	Anti-malarial drug resistance - WHO perspective and updates - Rwanda Multiple First-Line Therapies strategies and updates	Ms Charlotte Rasmussen, WHO Technical Officer, Prevention, Diagnosis, Treatment & Care, MNT Dr Aimable Mbituyumuremyi, Rwanda Biomedical Centre, Malaria and other Parasitic Diseases, Division Manager	for information
14:45 – 15:15	Vaccine roll-out updates	Dr Rafiq Okine, WHO Technical Officer, Prevention, Diagnosis, Treatment & Care, MNT	for information
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break		
15:30 – 16:15	Update on malaria molecular surveillance	Dr Laura Anderson, WHO Technical Officer, Strategic Information for Impact, MNT Dr Jane Cunningham, WHO Technical Officer, Prevention, Diagnosis, Treatment & Care, MNT Ms Charlotte Rasmussen, WHO Technical Officer, Prevention, Diagnosis, Treatment & Care, MNT	for information
16:15	End of day		

Thursday, 29 October 2026			
13:00 – 13:05	Welcome back and recap by the Chairperson, MPAG	Professor Dyann Wirth MPAG Chairperson	
	Session 3 (Chair: Professor Dyann Wirth)	Open	
13:05 – 13:55	GC8 update and lessons learnt	Global Fund	for information
	WHO consultation with stakeholders		
	Session 4 (Chair: Dr Daniel Ngamije)	Open	
13:55 – 15:00	Genetically modified mosquitoes - WHO preliminary reflections - Progress in Research and Development - Field implementation experience	Dr Seth Irish, WHO Technical Officer, Vector, Disease Control, Elimination & Eradication, MNT Mr Dominic Schuler, WHO Senior Technical Officer, Prequalification, PQT Prof. George Christophides, Imperial College Prof. Abdoulaye Diabaté, Institute de Recherche en Science de la Santé	For Information
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>		
15:15 – 16:00	Malaria diagnostics horizon scanning - WHO Landscape overview - Special focus on near-term opportunities	Dr Jane Cunningham, WHO Technical Officer, Prevention, Diagnosis, Treatment & Care, MNT PATH & FIND	For information
16:00	<i>End of day open sessions</i>		
	Session 5 (Chair: Professor Dyann Wirth)	Closed	
16:00-17:00	Executive closed session	Professor Dyann Wirth MPAG Chairperson	
Friday, 30 October 2026			
	Session 6	Closed (MPAG members & WHO secretariat)	
13:30 – 14:30	Issues that arise during open sessions requiring further closed discussion	Professor Dyann Wirth MPAG Chairperson	for advice
14:30 – 15:30	Finalization of meeting report conclusions	Professor Dyann Wirth MPAG Chairperson	for advice
15:30	<i>End of day closed sessions</i>		

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