

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

Virtual meeting, 27 – 29 October 2026 (GMT+1)
World Health Organization

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 27 October 2026		
	Session 1 (Chair: Professor Dyann Wirth)	Open
12:30 – 12:45	Welcome by the Chairperson, MPAG	Professor Dyann Wirth MPAG Chairperson
12:45 – 13:45	Report from the Director	Dr Daniel Ngamije M. WHO Director, Malaria & Neglected Tropical Diseases department (MNT)
	Session 2 (Chair: Professor Dyann Wirth)	Open
13:45 – 14:30	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
14:30 – 14:45	Coffee break	
14:45 – 15:30	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
15:30 – 16:15	Vaccine roll-out updates	Dr Rafiq Okine, WHO Technical Officer, Prevention, Diagnosis, Treatment & Care, MNT
16:15	End of day open sessions	
16:15 – 16:45	Meeting report conclusions	Closed

Wednesday, 28 October 2026

12:30 – 12:35	Welcome back and recap by the Chairperson, MPAG	Professor Dyann Wirth, MPAG Chairperson
	Session 3 (Chair: Professor Dyann Wirth)	Open
12:35 – 14:30	HBHI updates and challenges - Subnational tailoring of malaria strategies and interventions - GC8 update and lessons learned - Lessons from the GC8 Funding Process: Prioritizing interventions, financing gap analysis, resource optimization and sustaining impact	Dr Arnaud Le Menach, WHO Unit Head, Strategic Information for Impact, MNT Dr Sussann Nasr, Head of Malaria, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Dr Hilarius Asiwone Kosi Abiwu, Ghana National Malaria Programme Manager Dr Aminu M. Umar, Nigeria, Malaria Programme Manager
14:30 – 14:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
	WHO consultation with stakeholders	
	Session 4 (Chair: Dr Daniel Ngamije)	Open
14:45 – 15:45	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. Sam Timpo, Acting Head, African Biosafety Network of Expertise (ABNE), African Union Development Agency (AUDA), New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)
15:45 – 16:30	Malaria diagnostics horizon scanning - WHO Landscape overview - Special focus on near-term opportunities	Dr Jane Cunningham, WHO Technical Officer, Prevention, Diagnosis, Treatment & Care, MNT Dr Allison Golden, Scientist, PATH Dr Rosalind Howes, Senior Scientist, Fever & Malaria Programme, FIND Dr Kevin Tetteh, Director, Fever & Malaria Programme, FIND
16:30	<i>End of day and end of open sessions</i>	
16:30 – 17:00	Meeting report conclusions	Closed

Thursday, 29 October 2026

	Session 5 (Chair: Professor Dyann Wirth)	Closed
11:00 – 11:45	Executive closed session	Professor Dyann Wirth, MPAG Chairperson
	Session 6 (Chair: Professor Dyann Wirth)	Closed
11:45 – 12:30	Issues that arise during open sessions requiring further closed discussion	Professor Dyann Wirth MPAG Chairperson
12:30 – 12:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
12:45 – 13:30	Finalization of meeting report conclusions	Professor Dyann Wirth, MPAG Chairperson
13:30	<i>End of day closed sessions</i>	

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