















Improving Access to NTD health products to Achieve 2030 NTD Roadmap targets

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BIO SKETCH OF PANELISTS



Cassandra Holloway

Cassandra Holloway is Project Support Specialist at the Neglected Tropical Diseases Supply Chain Forum — a public-private partnership that includes some of the world's leading experts in pharmaceutical supply chain systems for donated medicines. Ms Holloway has years of experience in project management, accounting, budgeting, and data analysis. After her studies, she worked for several years in the private sector, managing large scale commercial real estate projects.



Tijana Williams

Tijana Williams is Director of NTD programmes at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and currently responsible for the delivery of GSK's commitments towards global Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) elimination and the Soil Transmitted Helminths (STH). She has extensive experience in finance, supply chain management, international development, public health, and access to medicines. Prior to joining GSK, Ms Williams held senior positions at Pfizer, Oracle and Fisher Scientific. She is currently researching for her thesis at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.



















Fatima Ait Bendawad

Fatima Ait Bendawad leads DHL's Global Humanitarian Logistics Competence Centre in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Ms Ait Bendawad is responsible for overseeing the deployment of DHL's humanitarian logistics services globally. She has over 18 years of experience in international logistics in the Middle East within operations, business development, sales and marketing in aid and relief supply chain. She works closely with NGOs, UN agencies and several humanitarian organizations.



Modeste Tezembong

Modeste Tezembong is a health logistics and procurement and supply management advisor. Mr Tezembong currently serves as focal point for supply chain management at WHO's Expanded Special Project for Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (ESPEN). Prior to joining ESPEN, he worked for several organizations and entities. Mr Tezembong holds a master's degree as well as a post-graduate diploma in logistics and strategic supply chain



















Boubacar Diop

Boubacar Diop holds a doctorate in Pharmacy. He serves as head pharmacist in the Ministry of Health and Social Action in Senegal. Dr Diop served as coordinator of the national programme for the control of bilharziasis and soil-transmitted helminthiases. He also played an important role in revising the standard operating procedures for the management of NTD medicines in Senegal and contributed to the evaluation of mass distribution campaigns of Praziquantel in areas of northern Senegal.



Sultani Hadley Matendechero

Sultani Hadley Matendechero is a senior pharmacist with a masters in Clinical Pharmacy from the University of Nairobi. He is the head of the Kenya Centre for Disease Control, which is the National Public Health Institute of Kenya. Dr Sultani has previously served as National NTD program pharmacist and later, National NTD program manager in Kenya. He currently sits on the WHO Advisory Group on STH and Schistosomiasis Control and Elimination and served as the inaugural chairperson of the African NTD program managers Community of Practice.



















Mawo Fall

Mawo Fall has over 15 years' managerial and technical experience in health programming in several countries. In his current role, Dr. Fall serves as Chief of Party on USAID's Act to End Neglected Tropical Diseases | East program in Mozambique. He also provides technical support to the Mozambique's Ministry of Health at the central, provincial and district levels. His collaborative approach has permitted him to develop strong relationships with partners. Dr. Fall is fluent in English, French, and Portuguese.



Hye Lynn Choi

Hye Lynn is a technical officer in WHO Prequalification Medicines Assessment team and serves as a focal point for Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD). She is a pharmacist with extensive experience in improving access to health products including tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and NTD and strengthening regulatory systems in low- and middle-income countries. She previously worked for several institutions in areas related to regulation, clinical research and access.



















Fabienne Jouberton

Fabienne Jouberton, is a pharmacist with more than 30 years' experience in pharmaceutical management, with a focus on access to health products. She worked for 12 years at WHO and the Global Fund, mainly on innovative mechanisms for accessing TB, Malaria and HIV products. At Médecins Sans Frontières, Ms Jouberton provides technical support on pharmaceuticals for tuberculosis and NTDs.



Penny Smith

Penny Smith is Senior Advisor with USAID and serves as the supply chain and supports global efforts to ensure access to high quality NTD medicines. Prior to USAID, Ms Smith worked for NGOs in HIV prevention, care and treatment, primary health care and supply chain systems. She holds a Master of Public Health degree from Emory University and is a Certified Health Education Specialist.



















Laurent Fraisse

Laurent Fraisse is Director for R&D at Drugs for Neglected Diseases initative. Dr Fraisse has worked in the field of infectious diseases since 2002. Prior to joining DNDi, he worked as Research Scientist. His work has contributed to addressing high unmet medical needs in bacterial, parasitic, and viral related infections. Most recently, he worked as Global Head of Infectious Disease R&D at Evotec.