



## **Global Vector Control Response (GVCR) 2017-2030:**

### **Reducing the burden and threat of vector-borne diseases to achieve the NTD road map targets**

#### **Virtual webinar**

5 April 2022, 14:00 – 15:00 CET

#### **PANELISTS**



**Henk van den Berg**

Henk van den Berg is a freelance and visiting scientist at the Laboratory of Entomology, Wageningen University, Netherlands. Dr Van der Berg's area of work focuses on integrated approaches for control of pests and vectors of human diseases. He worked as agricultural entomologist in Integrated Pest Management projects. From 2000 he became involved in integrated vector management (IVM) mainly for the control of malaria and dengue. His focus has since broadened to include policy development, curriculum development, guidelines development, community participation, and programme evaluation.



**Emmanuel Chanda**

Dr Emmanuel Chanda is a Medical Entomologist and Vector Control Specialist with over 15 years' experience in combating vector-borne diseases, including entomological surveillance, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of vector control policies, strategies and tools in the context of integrated vector management. He is

passionate about reinvigorating vector borne diseases control and elimination within the framework of the Global vector control response.



**Samira Mohammed Al-Eryani**

Samira Mohammed Al-Eryani is a medical entomologist and the technical officer for vector control based in the Malaria and Vector Control Unit of WHO's Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, Cairo, Egypt. Dr Mohammed Al-Eryani is part of a team that supports countries in the region in implementing capacity strengthening and vector control activities. Prior to joining WHO, she part of the academic staff in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sana'a in Yemen where she taught medical entomology and conducted research.



**Ashwani Kumar**

Dr Ashwani Kumar has more than three decades of research experience in vector borne diseases and is currently the Director of Vector Control Research Centre at the Indian Council of Medical Research. Among the major operational projects includes demonstration of malaria epidemic control in Goa and Vector Control in Goa Port using bio-engineering methods. Dr Kumar has published widely and believes in quality research through networking and team building.



**Haroldo Bezerra**

Haroldo Bezerra is Regional Advisor in Public Health in AMRO PAHO's Department of Communicable Diseases and Environmental Determinants of Health. Dr Bezerra is the regional focal point responsible for coordinating technical support and assistance in IVM, insecticide resistance, use of new technologies, capacity building and training in the Region of the Americas. In his present assignment, he also supports the organization and implementation of advisory groups on Public Health Entomology and Vector Control and External Evaluation Group on New Technologies for Controlling Aedes in PAHO.



**Elkhan Gasimov**

Elkhan Gasimov is Technical Officer in WHO's Regional Office for Europe where he leads work on malaria and neglected tropical diseases. Dr Gasimov work involves providing support to WHO Member States in strengthening national and sub-national capacities to keep the Region malaria free and to prevent and control vector-borne and parasitic diseases by developing and implementing policies, strategies, tools and capacities and monitoring their implementation.



**Zaw Lin**

Zaw Lin is Technical Officer in the Communicable Diseases Department of WHO's South-east Asia Regional Office. Dr Zaw Lin has wide-ranging experience in programmes for the prevention, control and elimination of NTDs and malaria at country as well as Regional levels. Before joining WHO in 2018, Dr Lin served as Deputy Director of Myanmar's Vector-Borne Disease Control and as National Programme Manager for dengue, chikungunya, Zika virus disease, Japanese encephalitis and lymphatic filariasis. He also served in WHO's Myanmar Country Office as National Consultant for Malaria and VBD in 2012.



**Indra Vythilingam**

Indra Vythilingam is a senior biological research scientist and lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Malaysia, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Dr Vythilingam has with broad ranging administration and project management skills in public health with a focus on developing vector control and capacity strengthening especially for malaria, Japanese encephalitis, dengue and filariasis in Malaysia. She has published more than 145 articles in peer reviewed journals.



**Steven William Lindsay**

Professor Steven Lindsay is a public health entomologist and epidemiologist with an interest in the control of vector-borne diseases. He is a strong advocate of Integrated Vector Management and has produced publications developing this approach for the control of vector borne diseases. Professor Lindsay has done field work in several countries over the past 30 years and has published over 260 peer-reviewed papers. He is also the lead writer of the Global Vector Control Response.



**James Logan**

James Logan is Professor at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. Professor Logan is also Co-Founder and CEO of Arctech Innovation, a research, evaluation and commercialization centre for new products to improve surveillance and control of diseases. He is UK's leading expert on insect repellents and methods of personal protection against arthropod vectors. Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society, Professor Logan is also a science TV presenter with the BBC and Channel 4 and makes regular appearances on television, radio and in print media as a scientific expert.



**Bedri Abdulatif**

Bedri Abdulatif Mohammed is a senior expert on malaria and other vector borne diseases in the Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Health in Addis Ababa. Mr Mohammed has more than a decade of field work experience as a vector control officer. He did his post-graduation in medical entomology from Arba Minch University with research work based on the impact of impregnated bednets on the longevity and blood-feeding rate of pyrethroid resistant malaria vector, *Anopheles gambiae*.