

Side event application / Formulaire de demande de réunion parallèle

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<p>Member States confirmed as co-organizers of the event/Etats Membres confirmés comme co-organisateurs de la réunion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Republic of the Union of Myanmar • Lao Peoples' Democratic Republic 	

Concept

Description of proposed side event, including objective, expected results, proposed programme and speakers* /
Description de la réunion parallèle proposée, y compris les objectifs, les résultats attendus, l'ordre du jour et les orateurs* :

Background

Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) has been considered by many experts as a potential epicenter for spread of artemisinin resistance. Unless contained swiftly and effectively it may pose challenge to the rest of the world. Political commitment being at the centre of every successful public health response, governments of the GMS are joining hands to jointly combat the threat of resistance. In response to the serious malaria multi-drug resistance situation in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), the GMS countries Cambodia, Yunnan Province/China, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam in 2015 adopted a joint malaria elimination strategy and are accelerating their efforts to eliminate malaria by latest 2030. Significant progress has been achieved: between 2012 and 2016, the number of reported malaria cases in the GMS fell by 74%, and the number of malaria-related deaths fell by 91%. However, multi-drug resistance – including artemisinin partial resistance and partner drug resistance – has spread from Western to Eastern Cambodia, and is affecting parts of North-East Thailand, and southern Lao PDR and Viet Nam. Many challenges remain, including availability and effective use of authentic good quality medicines, access to malaria interventions for all populations at risk, and high quality case-based surveillance.

The High-level Meeting to Accelerate the Elimination of Malaria in the Greater Mekong Subregion by 2030 was convened by the Ministry of Health and Sports, Myanmar, on 8th December 2017 at Naypyidaw, in close collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA). Representatives from the six GMS countries stressed that eliminating malaria in the GMS required urgent and coordinated action, with support from implementing agencies, funders and other partners. A **'Ministerial Call for Action to Eliminate Malaria in the Greater Mekong Subregion by 2030'** was endorsed by the country representatives and supported by partners. The High-level Meeting recommended that the Ministerial Call for Action should be signed by all GMS countries' Ministers of Health on the sidelines of the WHA71 in May 2018 in Geneva. This meeting brings to an end a strong political dialogue process started few months back amongst the ministries of health of the GMS through a signing of declaration by the ministers themselves as well as laying an important milestone of combating resistance to malaria as a greater public good for the whole world.

Objective

Signing of the **'Ministerial Call for Action to Eliminate Malaria in the Greater Mekong Subregion by 2030'** by the 6 GMS countries' Ministers of Health.

Expected Results

The political commitment expressed in the signing of the **'Ministerial Call for Action to Eliminate Malaria in the Greater Mekong Subregion by 2030'** will accelerate malaria elimination in the GMS. While the Call for Action emphasizes the country-led efforts, it also focuses on the importance of the joint subregional approach.

Proposed programme and speakers

The proposed date for the side event is 22 May 2018. This event is planned for 45 minutes. The proposed programme is outlined as below with a MC/Moderator.

Programme	Speakers
MC/Moderator (3 minutes)	
Introductory remarks by the hosting ministers (6 minutes, 3 minutes each)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister of Health & Sports, Myanmar, and • Minister of Public Health, Lao PDR
Remarks by Ministers of Health from other four GMS Countries (12 minutes, 3 minutes each)	Ministers of Health from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingdom of Cambodia • Kingdom of Thailand • Peoples' Republic of China • Socialist Republic of Vietnam
WHO Regional Directors for South-East Asia and the Western Pacific, and WHO Global Malaria Programme Director (9 minutes, 3 minutes each)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia, • WHO Regional Director for Western Pacific, and • WHO Global Malaria Programme Director
Interventions from the floor (MC/moderator asks interventions from guests notified in advance) (5 minutes)	Key partners in support of the Mekong Malaria Elimination effort
Signing the 'Ministerial Call for Action to Eliminate Malaria in the Greater Mekong Subregion by 2030' (5 minutes)	GMS Ministers of Health and WHO Regional Directors
Group Picture (5 minutes)	All
High Tea/Coffee	All

Event details / détails de la réunion

Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus : 60

Exact title of the meeting/Titre exact de la réunion:

Signing the Ministerial Call to Accelerate Malaria Elimination in the Greater Mekong Subregion by 2030.

Interpretation/Interprétation

Interpretation may be provided in the official languages and the estimated costs are as follows: 2 languages: 2561 CHF; 3 languages: 5123 CHF; 6 languages: 11953 CHF.

L'interprétation peut être assurée dans les langues officielles aux coûts estimés suivants : 2 langues-2561 CHF; 3 langues : 5123 CHF; 6 langues : 11953 CHF.

Are interpretation services requested? / L'interprétation est-elle requise ? Yes/Oui No/Non

(If yes, which languages)/(Si oui, en quelle langue)

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*Badges/ Badges d'accès

WHA side events are for participants of the WHA and, as such, panellists and participants should be drawn from those participating in the Health Assembly.

Les réunions parallèles sont réservées aux participants de l'Assemblée; Les orateurs de ces réunions doivent donc être choisis parmi ceux-ci.

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