



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

78 WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

TANZANIA STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM

13.4. Global Road map on defeating meningitis by 2030.

Chairperson: The United Republic of Tanzania (URT) aligns with a statement delivered on behalf the African group and commends the report on the agenda items.

Tanzania is committed to the global roadmap to defeat meningitis by 2030. Since 2021, the country has made significant progress, including ongoing meningitis vaccination for children and the establishment and continued close monitoring of the six sentinel surveillance sites, with plans to expand.

While no meningitis outbreaks have been confirmed in recent years, strengthening research, surveillance, and diagnosis remains essence to understanding the disease burden and guiding interventions.

Chairperson: Tanzania supports and will join global community in commemoration of the World Meningitis Day on October 5th each year, fostering awareness, partnerships, and momentum. Key national opportunities include a robust network of health facilities, skilled healthcare providers, management guidelines, and strong vaccine infrastructure.

Chairperson, despite of these initiatives, challenges persist, such as limited financial resources, inadequate detection and reporting capacities, and insufficient laboratory supplies which hinder establishment of the disease actual burden.

The WHO Secretariat can support Member States by:

- I. Mobilizing financial resources for prevention, control and advocacy

- II. Supporting vaccination, diagnostics, and treatment services
- III. Enhancing surveillance and management of meningitis and its sequelae
- IV. Provide technical assistance for preparedness plans integrated into health systems
- V. Promoting regional capacity and sharing best practices

Chairperson: Tanzania reaffirms its commitments to collaborating with the global community, under WHO coordination, to achieve the 2030 roadmap goals.

I thank you