



**Call for Nomination
RBM Partnership Board
Research & Academia Constituency**

We are soliciting a call for participation to the Research & Academia (R&A) Constituency Support Delegation for the Roll Back Malaria Partnership Board. The support delegation contains 10 elected representatives of the wider R&A constituency.

Respondents to this call for nomination will be selected according to specific criteria (see annex) to be part of the R&A Constituency Support Delegation.

This nomination and election process will be logistically managed by the RBM Partnership Secretariat as a neutral body, resulting in a transparent appointment process, to enhance accountability of R&A constituency Support Delegates to their constituency. (RBM By Laws Chap 1.1.)

CLOSING DATE for all letters of interest regarding membership in the R&A Support Delegation is 18 June 2010, midnight CET.

Communications Focal Point, R&A Board Member and Alternate will be selected from within the delegation in **the following weeks** through a ballot process.

With best regards

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Roll Back Malaria Partnership

The RBM Partnership is the global framework to harmonize action, mobilize resources, and implement partners coordinated action in the worldwide fight against malaria. It forges consensus among partners to achieve jointly malaria control (RBM) targets in support of progress towards MDGs.

The Global Malaria Action Plan (GMAP) (<http://www.rollbackmalaria.org/gmap/index.html>) outlines 9 coordinated topic areas where coordinated action against malaria is expected to add value to individual partners malaria control work. RBM's overall strategy aims to reduce malaria morbidity and mortality by reaching universal coverage and strengthening health systems. The GMAP defines three stages of malaria control: (1) scaling-up for impact (SUFI) of preventive and therapeutic interventions, (2) sustaining control achievements over time; (3) initiate regional elimination efforts.

The continued updating of GMAP is underpinned by research through R&D for new tools, through research to inform policy and through operational research to maximize effectiveness of malaria control operations. GMAP also recognizes that the malaria eradication agenda (malERA) still needs to be finalized.

The RBM Partnership was launched in 1998 by WHO, UNICEF, UNDP and the World Bank, in an effort to provide a coordinated global response to the disease. Today, the Partnership is comprised of more than 1000 partners, including malaria endemic countries, their bilateral and multilateral development partners, the private sector, nongovernmental and community-based organizations, foundations, and research and academic institutions.

The RBM Partnership is governed by the RBM Board (<http://www.rollbackmalaria.org/mechanisms/partnershipboard.html>) representing 7 major constituencies including R&A interest group.

During the period of 1998 - 2002, the main work of RBM Partnership was:

- ❖ Putting malaria on the development agenda e.g. Abuja Declaration;
- ❖ Advocating for the mobilization of additional resources e.g. GFATM;

During the period of 2002 – 2005, the focus of RBM Partnership was:

- ❖ Developing a global consensus strategy for scaling-up for impact (SUFI) using existing interventions (GSP 2010-2015);
- ❖ Working Group consensus strategies on ITNs, IRS, ACTs, Malaria in Pregnancy;
- ❖ Developing global subsidy principles for commodities and principles for campaign delivery mechanisms;

During the period 2006 – 2010, the major focus of RBM Partnership has been:

- ❖ Provide coordinated implementation support to reach GMAP targets;
- ❖ Developing and launching the Global Malaria Action Plan (GMAP). This plan builds on the fact that scaling-up to high coverage is indeed possible; the plan also discusses issues surrounding the sustaining of control achievements; and outlines the elimination agenda.

RBM Partnership Board

The Partnership Board's main functions are to:

- ❖ Set direction of Partnership;
- ❖ Approve Partnership workplans & budgets;
- ❖ Approve advocacy efforts;
- ❖ Ensure Partners coordination & alignment.

(RBM Operating Framework, Chap 4.2.3.)

At present, seven constituencies within the RBM Partnership are represented on the Board to maximize the contribution of RBM Partners and provide a mechanism for harmonizing and coordinating their efforts.

The RBM Partnership Board of 21 voting members and 4 non voting members, has one R&A seat.(cf RBM Operating Framework, Chap.4.2 The Partnership Board)

Board Member roles and responsibilities - Length of term

The Board meets in person two times per year, typically once in May and once in November, to fulfill its functions and make decisions on behalf of the Partnership.

Therefore, the Board Member is expected to attend these 2 Board meetings each year. And to take in consideration the responsibilities listed below:

Garner support and resources for RBM Partnership from within your institution/ constituency

- ❖ Attend and actively contribute to all Board meetings
- ❖ Contribute to the governance of the Partnership outside of Board meetings (e.g., input into Partnership strategy, sitting on Committees, etc.)

Represent not just an institution, but the constituency

- ❖ Solicit constituency input on Board meeting agenda and synthesize into one constituency position
- ❖ Debrief constituency on Board decisions and business of the Partnership throughout year
- ❖ Serve as conduit for information between constituents and Partnership bodies (e.g., Secretariat)
- ❖ For Board members who sit on other Boards (e.g. Global Fund, UNITAID, et al.), contribute to greater coherence and aligned constituency positions across global health partnership governing bodies

The Board Member can delegate his Board power to his Alternate and can be represented in Board Committees by a designated support delegate.

Board members serve terms of two years and are eligible for a second two-year term if re-nominated by their support delegation.

Board members having served two consecutive mandates cannot be re-elected unless a period of two year's duration has elapsed between the end of the last term and the start of the new term. Upon the expiration of a first or second mandate,

Board members may become alternates within their own constituency through a process managed by their own support delegation and supported by the RBM Secretariat.
(cf. RBM Operating Framework, Chap 4.2.1. Appointment of Board members)

R&A constituency

The R&A constituency is defined as all academic institutions and non-profit or governmental research organizations. These organizations can be located anywhere in the world.

The R&A delegation is expected to actively participate in discussions involving policy and development of positions on key issues addressed during RBM Board meetings and other relevant malaria related gatherings.

The role of the R&A Support Delegation is to support and advise their Board Member and Alternate Board Member on key issues and concerns of their R&A community.

The Support Delegation is also responsible for the dissemination of RBM information before and after RBM Mechanisms meetings (Board, Executive Committee, Subcommittees, WGs meetings) to members of the R&A constituency.

Criteria for selection

The Support Delegation member is an individual with both institutional support and capacity to carry out the required tasks and functions of the position.

The selection of the Support Delegation members will consider the following criteria:

- A person with at least a 10 year malaria research background or academically engaged in teaching malaria related subjects, working either as staff member of an academic institution and non-profit or governmental research organizations or working as an independent researcher .
- Understanding of the current initiatives of the RBM Partnership and Secretariat.
- Email, internet and phone access to easily participate in all RBM meetings and teleconferences
- Documented ability and capacity to communicate and network effectively with the broader R&A constituency
- Willingness and ability to read or review RBM documents, communicate the issues of R&A constituency members to the R&A delegation and disseminate information from RBM Mechanisms meetings, decisions and updates to the R&A constituency.
- Represent the contributions and insights of the research and academia constituency on the Partnership Board
- Own financial means to travel to RBM Mechanisms meetings and outreach to constituency
- Experience of serving as a delegate in a governance body would be a distinct advantage
- Must be willing to undertake an agreement to allocate up to 10% of their time on RBM issues.
- Excellent knowledge of English with excellent writing skills (French or other UN language an asset)

Participation process

Individuals interested in participating in the Support Delegation need to provide the following information:

- Nomination form (annexed)
- Name, contact information and organizational affiliation (CV)
- Short narrative outlining your interest in supporting the RBM Partnership and Board, your current communication or collaboration with the broader R&A community, and the most significant capabilities you would bring to the Support Delegation in a support and advisory role (maximum 1 page).
- A letter of support or reference from your organization providing a short narrative outlining your interest in supporting the RBM Partnership and the Board, your current communication or collaboration with the broader R&A community, and the most significant capabilities you would bring to the Support Delegation in a support and advisory role (maximum 1 page).
- Own organization, or closest affiliated organization, agreeing to support your time to manage the additional workload at the required level of participation.

Supporting letters:

For each nomination application to be considered complete, it must be accompanied by two (2) letters of support.

These statements of support must come from an organization other than the R&A candidate nominated. Letters of support must be signed by an individual on behalf of, for example, other research institutes and academic institutions, multilateral and bilateral donors.

Each letter of support must specifically reference the institution nominated and its suitability to represent the R&A community more broadly. Letters of support may not be submitted by private individuals, the R&A institution nominated or any individual currently engaged in the institution of the nominee e.g. students of an academic nominee from an university.

Submission:

Deadline for receiving application files is 18 June 2010 midnight (CET).

Submissions are encouraged to be submitted by email to rbmboard@who.int with the subject line "Call for nomination-R&A constituency" or by fax to the number +41 22 791 1587. This call for nominations is also posted on the RBM website (www.rollbackmalaria.org)

Applications that submit their letters late, or that submit only one letter of support, or none at all, will not be considered.

Annexes:

1. Nomination Form
2. RBM Partnership Operating Framework
3. RBM Partnership By Laws

(Download 2 and 3 by clicking on the following link
<http://www.rollbackmalaria.org/rbmmandate.html>)