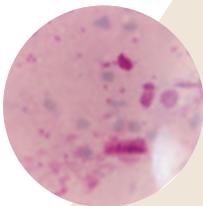


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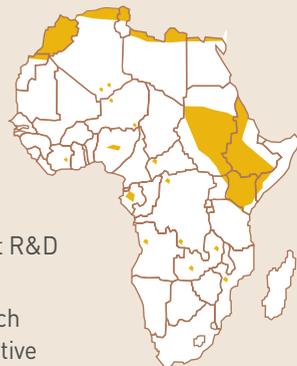
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OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

- To provide an overview of visceral leishmaniasis (VL) and the current epidemiological trends, including geographic variability, co-infection with HIV, and the post-kala-azar dermal leishmaniasis (PKDL) syndrome.
- To provide an extensive overview of the holistic and coordinated strategy to address the current R&D needs to combat VL in Africa.
- To show the challenges of ensuring that research results lead to appropriate policies for the effective control of leishmaniasis in the region. A concrete example of the clinical trials conducted for the combination treatment Sodium Stibogluconate (SSG) & Paromomycin (PM) will be given.
- To highlight the need for strengthening national and regional clinical research capacities in order to facilitate the development, delivery, and registration of new treatments for leishmaniasis. Here, the activities of the Leishmaniasis East Africa Platform (LEAP) will be introduced.



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Overview on the strengths of a global and holistic approach to address R&D gaps for visceral leishmaniasis.
- Stimulate discussion on the R&D activities to combat visceral leishmaniasis and to reach the WHO NTDs Roadmap targets.



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Chair: Daniel Argaw Dagne, Leishmaniasis Programme,
Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases, WHO

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Introduction and welcome

Daniel Argaw Dagne, Leishmaniasis Programme, Department
of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases, WHO

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A global approach to combat visceral leishmaniasis

Dr Jorge Alvar, Head of Leishmaniasis Clinical Program, DNDi

The presentation introduces DNDi's global coordinated strategy to cover the current R&D gaps of treatment and control of the human transmission of Visceral Leishmaniasis through innovative mechanisms.

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Translation of science into policy of new control tools for the management of African visceral leishmaniasis

Dr. Nathalie Strub-Wourgaft, Medical Director, DNDi

The presentation will introduce the pre-requests and the barriers that must be overcome in order to acquire approvals and achieve international standards when conducting clinical trials. It will provide a case-study of the combination treatment SSG&PM developed by DNDi and its partners to fight visceral leishmaniasis in East Africa.

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Capacity strengthening to deliver a new first-line treatment for Kala Azar in East Africa: the leading role of the LEAP platform

Dr Monique Wasunna, Head of DNDi Africa

The presentation will provide an overview of the role of the LEAP Platform in building and retaining clinical trial capacities within disease-endemic countries and how such research networks can facilitate registration of and access to new treatments.

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Open discussion

Daniel Argaw Dagne, Leishmaniasis Programme, Department
of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases, WHO

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Summary and ending conclusions

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