




UNITING PARTNER WEBINAR

26 SEPTEMBER 2024

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1. WELCOME AND AGENDA

PURPOSE OF THIS WEBINAR

- **Keeping you regularly informed** – we'll provide updates on resource mobilisation for NTDs, in relation to our new strategy, and aligned with the WHO road map and SDG 3.3 goal.

- **Sharing useful resources** – we regularly put together key briefings which may be helpful to you and your work – and we welcome feedback on any new resources/tools.

- **Allowing space for collaboration / feedback** – there are several ways to collaborate with us (e.g. Consultative Forum, CCG) and we're always keen to hear your feedback.

AGENDA

Agenda	Lead	Time
1. Welcome and agenda a) Purpose of this webinar b) Agenda overview	Matt	5 minutes
2. Introducing new Uniting staff: a) Dr Isatou Touray, interim Executive Director b) Laura Newman, interim Director of Comms and Partnerships c) Gerald Ogoko, Head of Resource Mobilisation, Africa and Global Funds d) Ruth Rensberg, Senior Resource Mobilisation Advisor	Stuart	5 minutes
3. Uniting's Q3 activities: a) IDA21 (Marc) b) WHO AFRO Regional Committee meeting (Ope) c) Zanzibar Celebration Event (Emily) d) African Union Roadmap and Specialized Technical Committee (Gerald) e) AUDA-NEPAD Memorandum of Understanding (Gerald)	Uniting Team	20 minutes
4. Uniting's Q4 priorities and upcoming events	Matt	5 minutes
5. Remarks from Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, Regional Director, WHO AFRO	Dr Moeti	5 minutes
6. Partner feedback and questions	All	10 minutes



2. UNITING'S NEW STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

WELCOMING DR ISATOU TOURAY

Uniting to Combat NTDs are delighted to announce the appointment of **Dr Isatou Touray** as Interim Executive Director of Uniting to Combat NTDs.

"I am honoured and excited to join Uniting to Combat NTDs as the interim Executive Director. This organisation has made a profound impact in the fight against NTDs, and I look forward to working with the dedicated team and partners to continue this vital work. Ending the burden of these diseases is not just a health goal, but a path to improving the lives of millions."



DR. ISATOU TOURAY
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WELCOMING NEW UNITING STAFF



Gerald Ogoko

Head of Resource
Mobilisation for Africa
and Global Funds



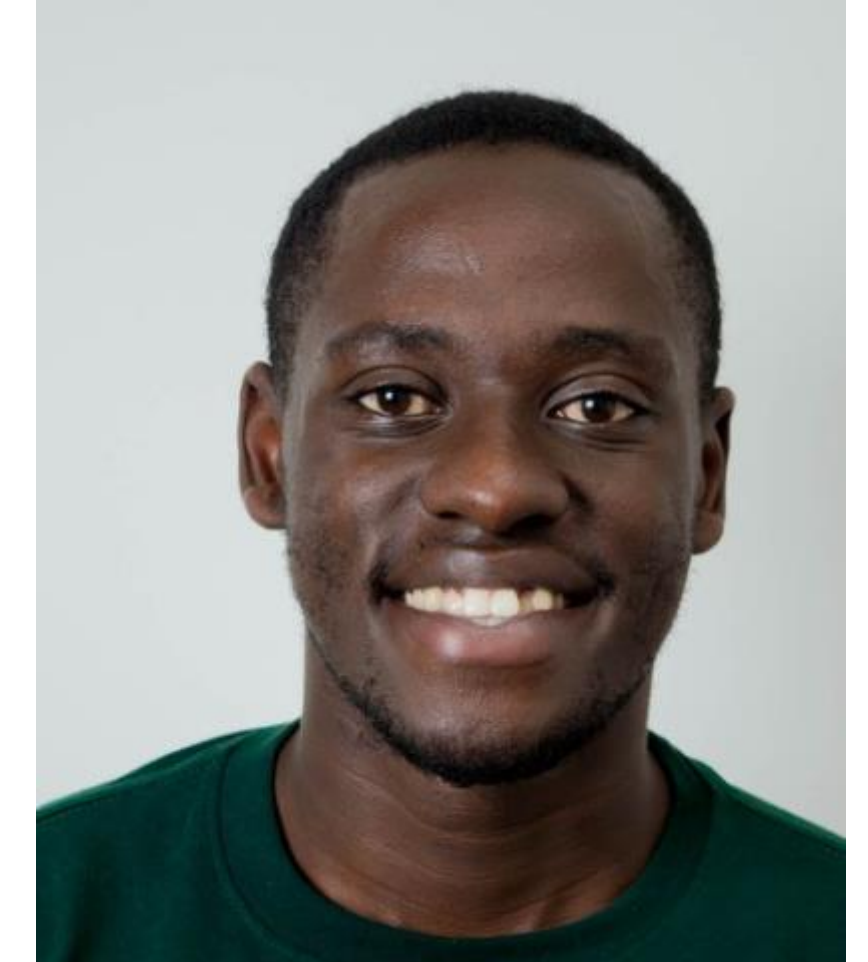
Ruth Rensberg

Senior Resource
Mobilisation Officer



Laura Newman

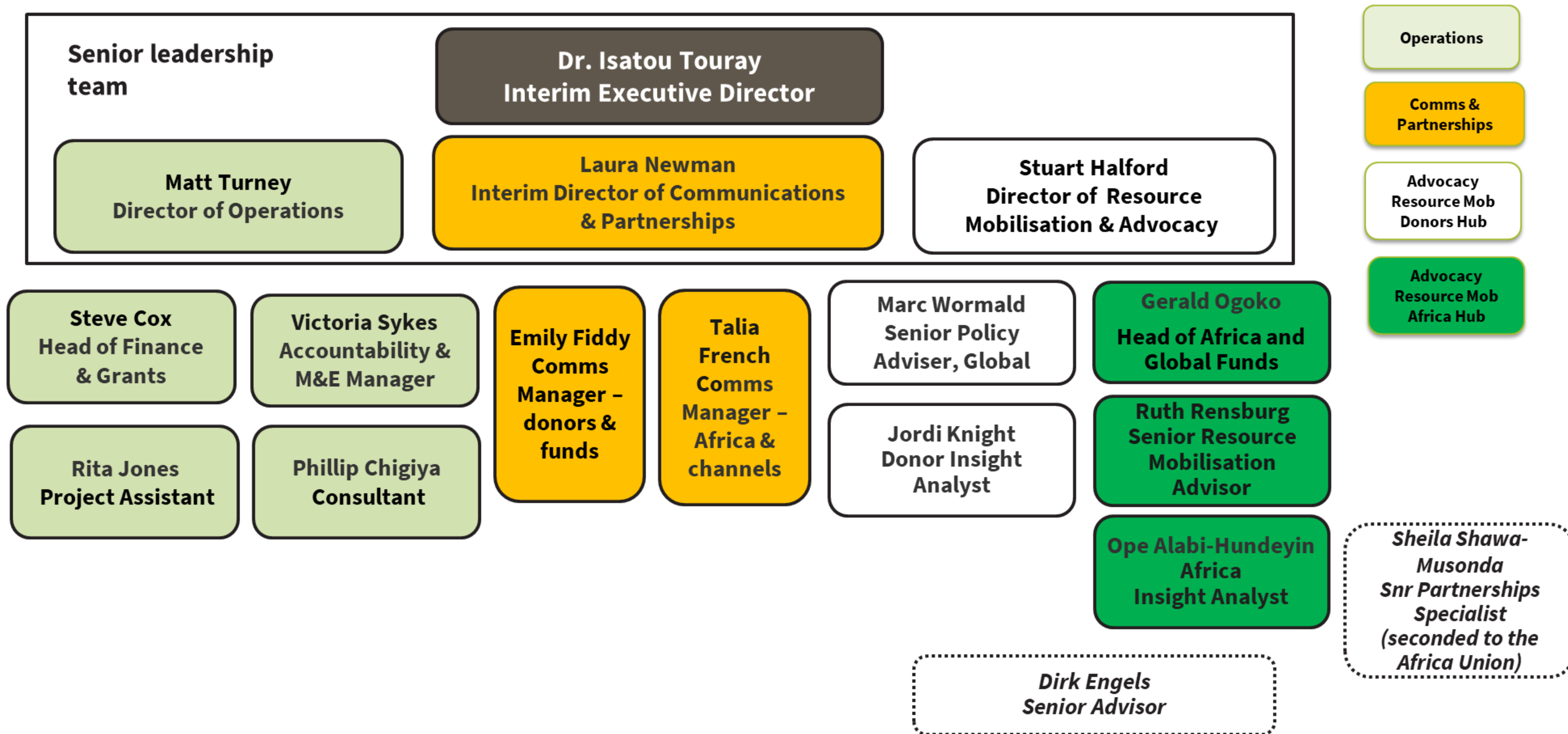
Interim Director of
Communications and
Partnerships



Phillip Chigiya

Consultant

WHO WE ARE



3. QUARTER THREE ACTIVITY RECAP

A) IDA21

B) WHO AFRO REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

C) ZANZIBAR CELEBRATION EVENT

**D) AFRICAN UNION ROADMAP AND
SPECIALISED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

E) AUDA-NEPAD MOU

INNOVATIVE RESOURCING AND IDA21 – ENGAGEMENT AT AFRICAN CAUCUS AND BEYOND



Uniting is advocating for the creation of a dedicated disease elimination funding stream within the World Bank's 21st replenishment of their International Development Association (IDA).

74TH WHO AFRO REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING



Uniting held meetings with various MOHs to advocate for a dedicated disease elimination funding stream for IDA21 and, with ALMA, drafted a letter to key member states, encouraging health ministers to engage with finance ministers on IDA21.

ZANZIBAR CELEBRATION EVENT



On 19 September, Uniting in collaboration with the Ministry of Health Zanzibar, Unlimit Health and Sightsavers, organised a high-level event celebrating progress fighting NTDs in Tanzania and Zanzibar, the impact of drug donations, and the donation of the 12th billionth albendazole treatment globally by GSK.

AFRICAN UNION ROADMAP AND SPECIALISED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING



Uniting attended the 5th Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Health, Nutrition, Population, and Drug Control (STC-HNPDC-5) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in August and ensured NTDs were adequately captured including in the fully costed plan for the AU Roadmap 2030 document.

MOU WITH AUDA-NEPAD

AUDA-NEPAD and Uniting to Combat NTDs initiate new partnership to accelerate progress in ending NTDs across Africa

Accra, Ghana, July 21, 2024



AUDA-NEPAD, the African Union's development agency, and Uniting signed an historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which will strengthen efforts and mobilise resources to eliminate NTDs across the African continent.



4. UNITING'S QUARTER FOUR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Q4 ACTIVITIES

Area of strategy	Highlights
Multilaterals and Global Funds	<p>World Bank / IDA 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Positioning disease elimination as a flagship initiative of IDA21 in order to unlock substantial funding for national NTD masterplans. Meetings with IDA stakeholders, co-chairs and World Bank Executive Directors to socialise the idea of positioning disease elimination as a flagship initiative of IDA21.Providing technical, high-level disease elimination briefing packs.Participation at the Cote D'Ivoire IDA21 meeting in Abidjan (Oct 09-10) and at the Autumn World Bank / IMF meetings in DC <p>AU/ AUDA NEPAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Planning meeting in Gambia in November to map out key resource mobilisation and advocacy activities in the join action plan of work. This follows the signing of the MOU between Uniting and AUDA-NEPAD. Includes continued work on a AFDB proposal.Working with partners on a side event at the Africa Union Extraordinary Summit in November.
Donor countries sustain and increase funding	<p>We work through and support national coalitions, as well as bilateral engagement. Currently discussing 2025 priorities with coalitions.</p> <p>Some examples of current activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Germany - launch of FGS campaign and event with BMZ at World Health Summit.Japan - engaging with Diet parliamentarians to secure an NTD event at TICAD 9 August 2025.UK – Labour Party Conference, helping UK to understand position of NTDs in wider health deliverables. Uniting continues to support the APPG on malaria and NTDs.Expanding our Global Parliamentary Group and utilising this group in resource mobilisation activities.UNITE Summit Weds 16th Oct - Uniting attending.

Area of strategy	Highlights
Endemic Countries	<p>Kigali Declaration Commitment Tracker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Country commitments on the Commitment Tracker – working with priority countries to enter domestic NTD financing data.In next Q working with partners to make improvements to the tracker.Two-year progress report following the 2022 Kigali Summit on Malaria & NTDs – launching towards the end of October to align with CHOGM 2024 in Samoa. <p>OIF NTD progress report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Francophonie NTD progress report to be launched on the sidelines of the 19th Summit of the International Organisation of Francophone Countries (OIF) - Uniting is working alongside key partners including ALMA and Speak Up Africa to draft a report highlighting progress and challenges fighting NTDs in Francophone countries. <p>Convene meeting of Health Commissioners, Nigeria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">To convene a meeting of all of Nigeria’s state Health Commissioners meeting prior to annual federal budget meeting taking place to advocate for better coordination between Federal and state levels and for a budgetary increase to NTDs.
Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Leveraging traditional and social media opportunities to continue to showcase the impact of the pharmaceutical industry and drug donation programmes on the fight against NTDs.Sharing and highlighting core communications assets and content developed in Zanibar on the occasion of the donation of the 12th billion treatment of albendazole.Continued collaboration with Takeda on the Dengue consortium; developing Snakebite proposal for Wellcome Trust with Consortium partners .

KEY UPCOMING EVENTS FOR UNITING

End of September	October	November	December	January
UNGA, US (20-30 Sept)	NNN conference, Malaysia (1-3 Oct)	AU Extraordinary Summit, Ethiopia (early Nov)	World AIDS Day (1 Dec)	World NTD Day (30 Jan)
World Rabies Day (28 Sept)	19 th Francophonie Summit, France (4-5 Oct)	COP29, Azerbaijan (11-22 Nov)		
	ESPEN Steering Committee (9-10 Oct)	G20, Brazil (18-19 Nov)		
	IDA21 meeting, Cote D'Ivoire (9-10 Oct)	National Health Financing Dialogue, Tanzania (Date TBC)		
	World Health Summit, Germany (13-15 Oct)			
	CHOGM, Samoa (21 Oct)			
	World Bank Autumn meetings, US (21-27 Oct)			
	Health Commissioners meeting, Nigeria (30-31 Oct)			

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N.B. We have a shared event calendar and planning tool with the NTD community here: [Comms planning for the Comms Coordination Group - Google Sheets](#)



5. REMARKS FROM DR MATSHIDISO MOETI

HOW CAN PARTNERS ENGAGE

- **Via the Communications Coordination Group (CCG)** - exists as a space for comms and advocacy professionals working in NTDs to align and collaborate on communications
- **Specific projects** - throughout the year, for example key events and interventions including World NTD Day, G7, World Health Assembly etc.
- **Annual Partner survey** - sent annually, early Q1
- **Via the Consultative Forum** – confirmation of nominees pending
- **Any general feedback, questions, comments** - please contact us at info@combatntds.org



6. QUESTIONS?



**THANK
YOU**



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