



UNITING PARTNER WEBINAR

26 MARCH 2024

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1. WELCOME AND AGENDA

AGENDA

Agenda	Lead	Time
1. Welcome and agenda a) Purpose of this webinar b) Agenda overview	Stuart	5 minutes
2. Uniting's new Chair of the Board	Matt	5 minutes
3. Strategy and priorities for 2024 a) Context for 2024 b) Recap of our strategy c) Priorities and plans in 2024 d) Events in 2024	Thoko	15 minutes
4. Updates and new resources	Louisa	5 minutes
5. Consultative Forum – open positions	Matt	5 minutes
6. Feedback and collaborations	Louisa	10 minutes
7. Remaining questions	All	10 minutes

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've 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** – we'll be presenting on opportunities to collaborate (e.g. Consultative Forum, CCG) and we're always keen to hear your feedback.



2. UNITING'S NEW CHAIR OF THE BOARD

WELCOMING DR WINNIE MPANJU-SHUMBUSHO

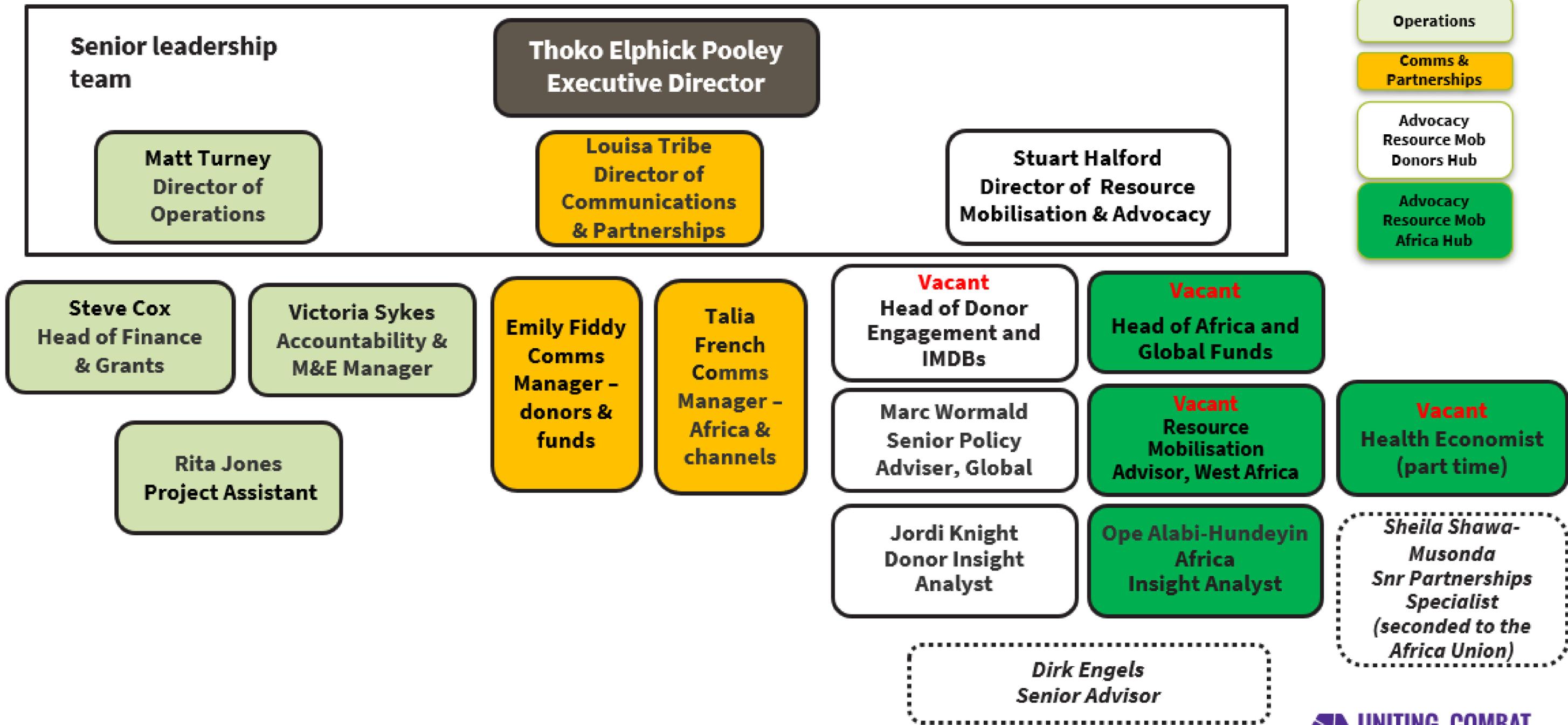
Uniting to Combat NTDs are delighted to announce the appointment of **Dr Winnie Mpanju-Shumbusho** as the new Chair of the Board.

“It’s an honour to be appointed as Chair of Uniting to Combat NTDs. It has been my long-held belief that we can change the course of over one billion people who continue to be held back by these preventable and treatable diseases, many of them on our African Continent. The opportunity to continue serving these individuals and communities was simply not something I could turn down.

I am looking forward to working with Thoko and the team to help champion investment to ensure that our vision of a world where NTDs are no longer a threat to people’s lives becomes a reality. This is a really exciting time to be joining the organisation with a newly refreshed strategy focused on resource mobilisation and a busy year ahead to capitalise on opportunities for sustainable financing for NTDs.”



WHO WE ARE





3. STRATEGY AND PRIORITIES FOR 2024

- A) CONTEXT FOR 2024
- B) RECAP OF OUR STRATEGY
- C) PRIORITIES AND PLANS IN 2024
- D) EVENTS IN 2024



Mission

To create political will and an enabling environment for countries to achieve the WHO NTD road map targets and deliver the SDG goal* to end NTDs by 2030

Aim

Mobilise resources for neglected tropical diseases (NTDs)

Outcomes

Multilaterals and global funds deploy funding

Endemic countries sustain and increase domestic resources

Industry partners meet commitments

Donor countries sustain and increase funding

Intermediary Outcomes

NTDs are adopted in global and regional agendas

Countries call for funding for NTDs and celebrate successes (demand-generation)

Enabler

Partners collectively and coherently champion investment in NTDs

Accountability

Commitment Tracker is used for peer influence and as an accountability mechanism

* SDG Goal 3.3.5 Indicator – Reduce by 90% the number of people requiring interventions against NTDs

Major external factors influencing NTD resource mobilisation in 2024

Year of elections

- Globally, more voters than ever in history will head to the polls this year, as at least **64 countries** (plus the European Union)—representing a combined population of about 49% of people in the world – **are due to hold elections this year**
- In Africa alone, **18 countries** – Botswana, Comoros, Senegal, Ghana, Rwanda, Madagascar, Tunisia, Guinea Bissau, Namibia, South Sudan, South Africa, Mauritania, Mozambique, Somaliland, Mali, Cabo Verde, Chad, Mauritius
- 6 of the 10 largest bilateral donors that tend to dominate global funds, also go into elections in 2024 (UK, US, EU) and 2025 (Japan, Canada, Norway).
- WHO election of the new Regional Director for WHO AFRO
- This means new administrations, new Ministers, "zero-sum competition for a fixed pot of resources"

Year of replenishments

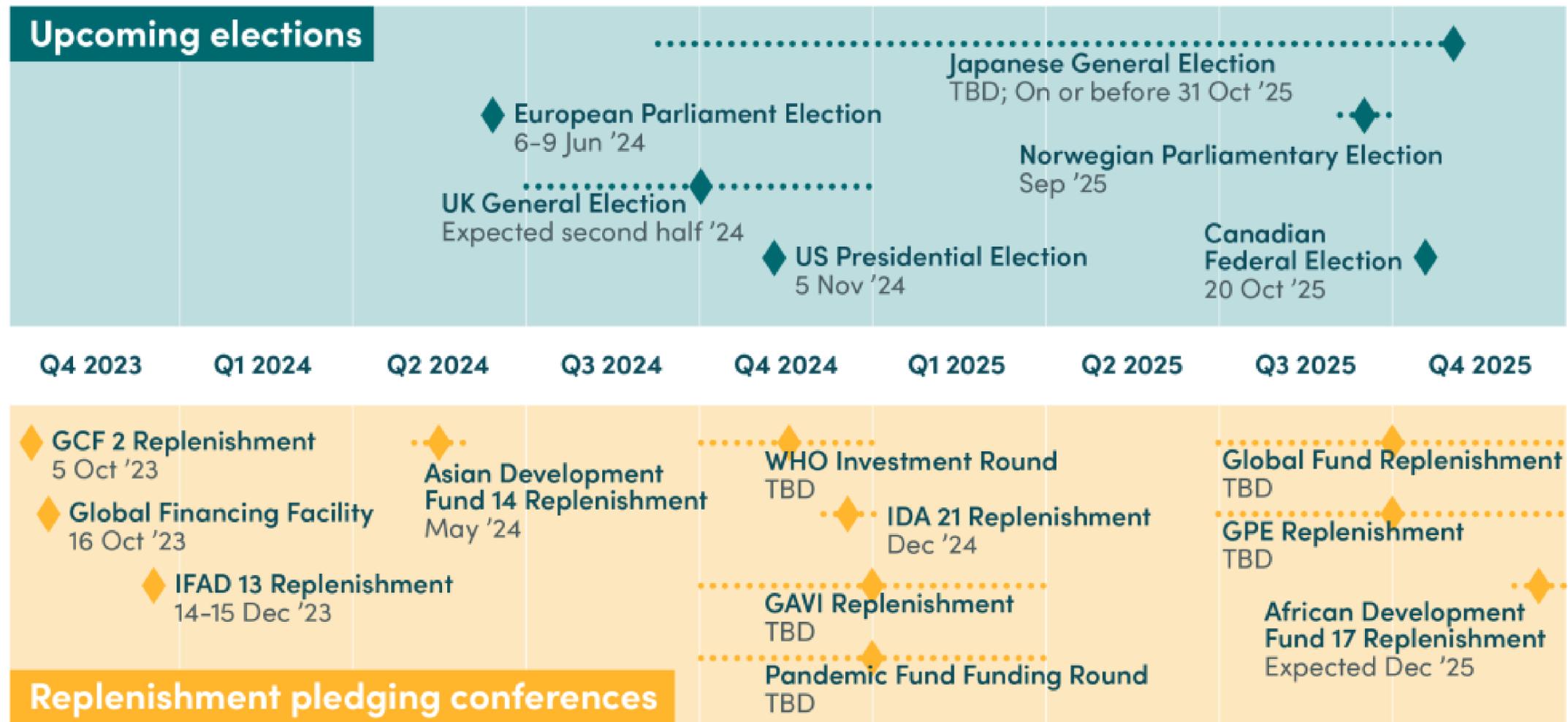
- Asian Development Fund – May
- GAVI - \$TBC June
- WHO - \$7bn target in Nov
- IDA 21- \$30bn in Dec
- The Pandemic Fund – needs \$10billion annually, US\$2bn raised so far. Status of Pandemic Fund
- GFATM - \$18bn (2025)
- A new Pandemic Fund?

Cost of living and stagnation/recession; Drops in ODA (including EU, Germany and France)

Reduction in funding going to Africa with OECD reporting that funding to SSA fell by over 7% in 2022 and is continuing to fall

Amongst opportunities: Expansion of BRICS and Global South hosting G20 meetings

Figure 1. Snapshot of upcoming replenishments and elections in major donor countries in 2024-2025



Non-exhaustive

Source: Centre for Global Development

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR UNITING IN 2024?

Opportunities for 2024

- 1. Ensure we do not lose what we currently have** - donor countries sustain existing funding ; position NTDs as a litmus test for equity and the leave no one behind agenda
- 2. Work to contribute towards the US\$160m fund balance for the 'Africa Free Fund' (RLMF 2.0)**, including the US\$50m target from domestic sources and use this as a catalyst for wider domestic resource mobilisation
- 3. Support resource mobilisation for specific packages** - e.g. SCH and STH implementation funding (WHO leading), Rabies PEP uptake by countries, PAED PZQ access and ESPEN
- 4. Spotlight NTD funding opportunities for countries within existing global funding mechanisms** - e.g. GFATM, GFF, Pandemic Fund
- 5. Position NTDs as a flagship initiative of IDA21** in order to unlock substantial funding for national NTD masterplans
- 6. Showcase industry commitments** as a lever for resource mobilisation
- 7. Take advantage of the shifting political powers to unlock South-South cooperation/funding for the longer-term** - e.g., taking advantage of the role of Brazil in G20 and the expanded BRICS membership (which includes UAE and Ethiopia for example)
- 8. Build demand for NTD interventions by affected countries** - including through work with youth, women leadership, parliamentarians and African traditional and customary leaders

KEY RESOURCE MOBILISATION EVENTS

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Women Lift Global Conference Dar Es Salaam (6-8)	World Health Assembly Geneva (26 – 1 June)	GAVI AVMA and Investment Case launch Paris (2)	Postponed Health Financing Summit (tbc) Kigali	WHO AFRO RC74 Congo Brazzaville (26-30)	Goalkeepers UNGA NYC (10-24)	World Health Summit (Berlin) (15-17)	COP29 Baku (11-22) G20 Brazil (18-19)	CPHIA IDA21 Replenishment
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African HoS/G IDA21 Summit Nairobi (29-30)								

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](#)



4. UPDATES AND NEW RESOURCES



REACHING THE LAST MILE FORUM

A historic moment at COP28 as a groundbreaking \$777m is announced to tackle neglected tropical diseases at the Reaching the Last Mile Forum



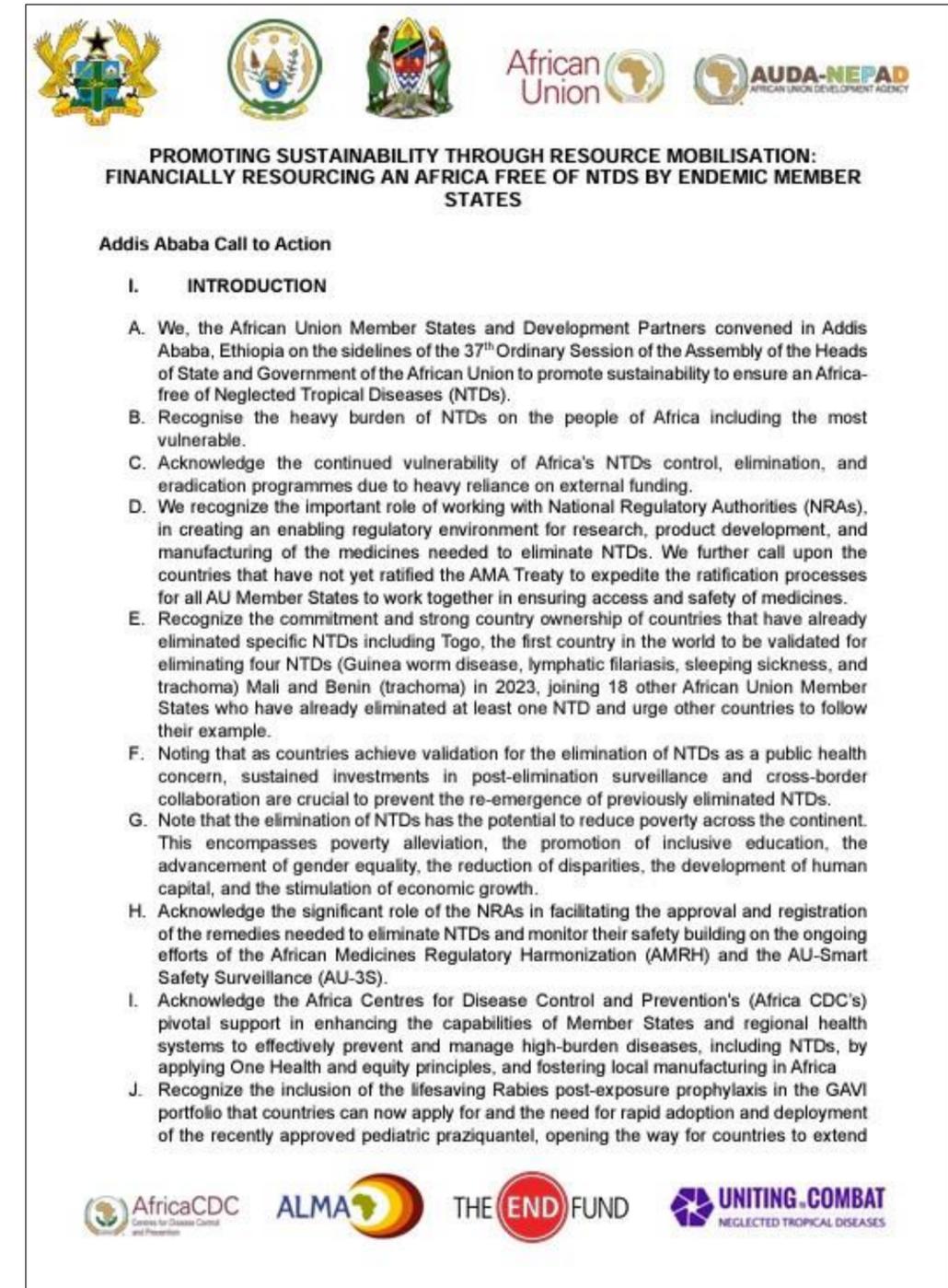
Congratulations to Reaching the Last Mile and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on this fantastic event, and a huge thank you to all the partners who made commitments and stood #100PercentCommitted to #BeatNTDs.

AU SUMMIT EVENT

The Addis Ababa Call-to-Action: An Africa free of neglected tropical diseases



A high-level side event was convened at the 37th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union in Ethiopia to discuss the imperative of financially resourcing efforts to eliminate NTDs and subsequently, the Addis Ababa Call-to-Action was born, outlining several concrete steps for advancing NTD elimination efforts.



**PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH RESOURCE MOBILISATION:
FINANCIALLY RESOURCING AN AFRICA FREE OF NTDs BY ENDEMIC MEMBER STATES**

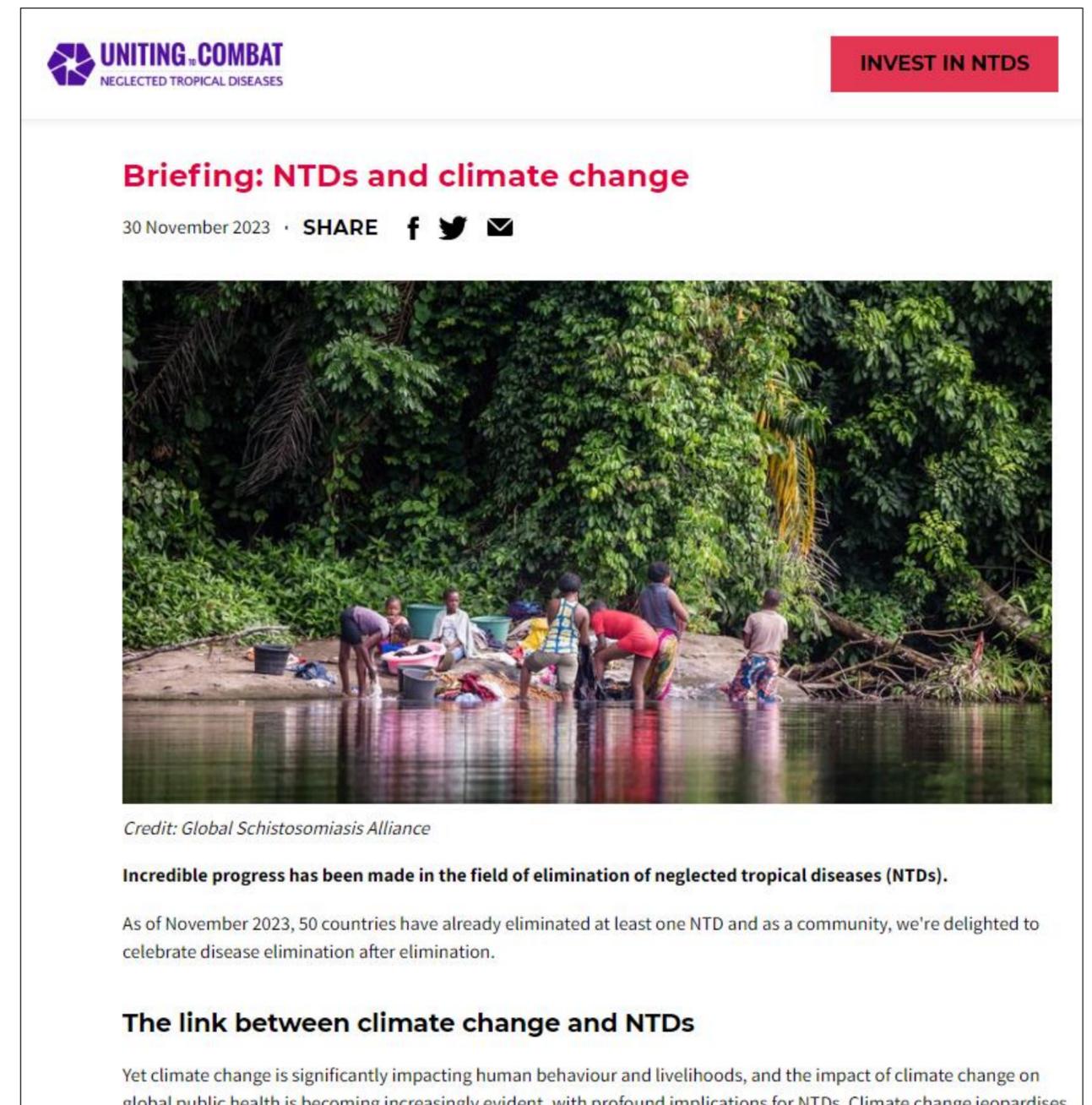
Addis Ababa Call to Action

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. We, the African Union Member States and Development Partners convened in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on the sidelines of the 37th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of the African Union to promote sustainability to ensure an Africa-free of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs).
- B. Recognise the heavy burden of NTDs on the people of Africa including the most vulnerable.
- C. Acknowledge the continued vulnerability of Africa's NTDs control, elimination, and eradication programmes due to heavy reliance on external funding.
- D. We recognize the important role of working with National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs), in creating an enabling regulatory environment for research, product development, and manufacturing of the medicines needed to eliminate NTDs. We further call upon the countries that have not yet ratified the AMA Treaty to expedite the ratification processes for all AU Member States to work together in ensuring access and safety of medicines.
- E. Recognize the commitment and strong country ownership of countries that have already eliminated specific NTDs including Togo, the first country in the world to be validated for eliminating four NTDs (Guinea worm disease, lymphatic filariasis, sleeping sickness, and trachoma) Mali and Benin (trachoma) in 2023, joining 18 other African Union Member States who have already eliminated at least one NTD and urge other countries to follow their example.
- F. Noting that as countries achieve validation for the elimination of NTDs as a public health concern, sustained investments in post-elimination surveillance and cross-border collaboration are crucial to prevent the re-emergence of previously eliminated NTDs.
- G. Note that the elimination of NTDs has the potential to reduce poverty across the continent. This encompasses poverty alleviation, the promotion of inclusive education, the advancement of gender equality, the reduction of disparities, the development of human capital, and the stimulation of economic growth.
- H. Acknowledge the significant role of the NRAs in facilitating the approval and registration of the remedies needed to eliminate NTDs and monitor their safety building on the ongoing efforts of the African Medicines Regulatory Harmonization (AMRH) and the AU-Smart Safety Surveillance (AU-3S).
- I. Acknowledge the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention's (Africa CDC's) pivotal support in enhancing the capabilities of Member States and regional health systems to effectively prevent and manage high-burden diseases, including NTDs, by applying One Health and equity principles, and fostering local manufacturing in Africa
- J. Recognize the inclusion of the lifesaving Rabies post-exposure prophylaxis in the GAVI portfolio that countries can now apply for and the need for rapid adoption and deployment of the recently approved pediatric praziquantel, opening the way for countries to extend

NEW PARTNER BRIEFING

- **NTDs and climate change** – brings together messaging including WHO communique, lived experience voices speaking on dengue, climate and NTDs overview video.
- **New song** – Unite, Act, Eliminate
- **Reminder** – we also have partner briefings on other topics related to NTDs like gender equity, pandemic PPR, and Universal Health Coverage on our website.



UNITING TO COMBAT
NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

INVEST IN NTDS

Briefing: NTDs and climate change

30 November 2023 · SHARE   



Credit: Global Schistosomiasis Alliance

Incredible progress has been made in the field of elimination of neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).

As of November 2023, 50 countries have already eliminated at least one NTD and as a community, we're delighted to celebrate disease elimination after elimination.

The link between climate change and NTDs

Yet climate change is significantly impacting human behaviour and livelihoods, and the impact of climate change on global public health is becoming increasingly evident, with profound implications for NTDs. Climate change jeopardises

Uniting website – Resources section



5. CONSULTATIVE FORUM



CONSULTATIVE FORUM

About the Forum

The Consultative Forum is a core part of Uniting's governance system.

We have currently vacancies due to terms finishing and members rolling off.

Thank you to everyone who is on the call who has served as a Consultative member.

Summary of membership status

- Vacant seats as of 26th March 2024

An application pack and nomination forms are available on the Uniting website.

Seat Category	Number of vacant seats	Timeline
Advocacy and resource mobilisation	1 of 3	Applications open 26 March 2024
Endemic country	2 of 9	Applications close 26 April 2024
Open seats	6 of 7	Review and evaluation w/c 29 April 2024
Constituency - NGOs	1	Confirmation of new members Latest by 30 May Q2 Board meeting
Constituency - Research	1	
Constituency - Pharma	1	
Constituency – Donor	1	
Total	13	



6. FEEDBACK AND COLLABORATIONS



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, towards the end of the calendar year
- **Via the Consultative Forum** - as previously outlined
- **Any general feedback, questions, comments** - please contact us at info@combatntds.org

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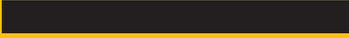
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7. QUESTIONS?



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