



MMV Access Symposium

Expanding Reach of ACTs in the Private Sector: Dialogue with Countries

AGENDA

Accra, Ghana, 1-2 June 2008

■ Objectives

- To share an overview of the status of access to antimalarials in Africa
- To share latest thinking on how to expand the reach of ACTs to the poor through the private sector

Expected output

Consensus on actions to improve the affordability of ACTs in the private sector and increase points of access

■ Draft agenda

June 1	Opening dinner	Speakers
19.30	Keynote speech Challenges to access to ACTs in Africa: A personal view	Dora Akunyili
June 2	Topic	
08:30 – 08:40	Welcome	Chris Hentschel Penny Grewal
08:40 – 09:00	Introduction by Co-Chairs	Catherine Hodgkin Alex Dadoo
09:00 – 10:45	Session 1: Are ACTs reaching people in Africa today?	
	An Overview – the State of ACT Access	Jackson Sillah, WHO/IST <i>West Africa</i>
20 mins	What has been the impact of policy change to ACTs? What volumes of ACTs have been supplied? Who are they reaching? What are the challenges?	
20 mins	Panel discussion on national experiences 2 countries with relatively high ACT access	Moussa Thior, NMCP <i>Senegal</i> , Ambrose Talisuna, Uganda
	Senegal and Uganda adopted ACTs in 2005/2004 (respectively); deployed in 2006. What has been their experience so far?	
20 mins	2 countries with relatively recent ACT roll-out	Constance Bart-Plange, NMCP <i>Ghana</i> Jack Wirima, NMCP <i>Malawi</i>
	Ghana and Malawi adopted ACTs in 2004 / 2006; deployed in 2005 / 2007 (respectively). What has been their experience so far?	
45 mins	<i>Discussion around country systems to increase access to all</i>	
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee	



Session 2: Grappling with affordability in the private sector

11:15 – 11:20 **An overview of global approaches** Alex Dodoo, Co-Chair
 11:20 – 11:35 **Subsidizing ACTs at the country level** Larry Barat, *PMI*

PMI investigates the feasibility of tailoring solutions to affordability on a country by country basis.

11:35 – 11:50 **Subsidizing ACTs at the global level** Uzo Gilpin, *RBM*

How will the Affordable Medicines Facility, malaria (AMFm) work? What are the challenges? How are these being resolved?

11:50 – 12:45 *Discussion around affordability challenges and how to address them*

12:45 – 14:15 Lunch

14.15 – 14.30 **The subsidy in action: Insights from the Tanzanian study** Renata Mandike, NMCP *Tanzania*

In a pilot study, Tanzania is providing a subsidized ACT in the private sector. What are the preliminary results? Who is buying ACTs? At what price?

Session 3: Beyond affordability... What else needs to be done?

14:30 – 14:45 **Increasing points of access (OTC status): The Nigerian experience** Dora Akunyili, *NAFDAC*

Why did Nigeria reschedule ACTs? What are the challenges they faced? Has this improved reach?

14:45 – 15:00 **Getting the drugs through the supply chain: The Ugandan case** Kinny Nayer, *Surgipharm (private sector)*

In a pilot study, Uganda will provide a subsidized ACT in the private sector. What incentives to the trade will get the product on shelf? How will profiteering be disincentivised?

15:00 – 15:45 *Discussion around the risk-benefit of OTC, need for follow up data via pharmacovigilance, and the importance of incentives in the supply chain*

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee

16:30 – 16:45 *Discussion continues*

16:45 – 17:00 Summary of the day's proceedings Co-Chairs

