



Meeting

Bridging research in Italy and South Africa for malaria eradication

Towards new drugs blocking the transmission of malaria parasites

Istituto Superiore di Sanità
Aula Bovet, viale Regina Elena 299, Rome

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h:09:00-13:30

Despite significant successes in reducing the incidence and the morbidity of malaria in the past 15 years, the global burden of this disease, with 215 million cases and 415,000 deaths per year in 97 endemic Countries, mainly in Africa, is still unbearable. Besides sustainable malaria control programs, research is critical to address the challenges posed by the objective to radically eliminate this disease and eradicate the malaria parasites.

In occasion of the start of the Italy-South Africa collaborative project 'New generation drugs against *Plasmodium falciparum* transmission for malaria eradication', jointly supported by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the South African National Research Foundation and Department of Science and Technology, a meeting will be held at Istituto Superiore di Sanità to highlight the commitment of Italy and South Africa to strengthen strategic collaborations in innovative biomedical research for global health and against infectious diseases.

The meeting will discuss present challenges in global health and in the fight against malaria in Africa and current efforts in Italy and South Africa towards developing new drugs against malaria parasites and their transmission.



Scientific programme

h09:00-09:15	Giovanni Rezza Department of Infectious Diseases, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Director	Chair Meeting welcome
h09:15-09:25	Alessandra Pastorelli Office for Bilateral Policies and Activities for the Internationalization of Scientific and Technological Research and Innovation, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Director	Scientific diplomacy: opportunities for further strengthening the cooperation between Italy and South Africa
h09:25-09:35	Giselda Scalera Office for Internationalization and Promotion of Research Infrastructures, Directorate General for Health Research and Innovation, Italian Ministry of Health, Director	
h09:35-09:45	Sheldon Moulton Embassy of the Republic of South Africa in Rome, Minister Plenipotentiary	
h09:45-10:05	Stefano Vella Center for Global Health, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Director	The present challenges in global health in Africa
h10:05-10:25	Lyn-Marie Birkholtz Institute for Sustainable Malaria Control, Pretoria	The present challenges in the fight against malaria in southern Africa
h10:25-10:45	Michael Makanga Europe & Developing Countries Clinical Trial Partnership, Executive Director	The role of EDCTP in the fight against infectious diseases
h10:45-11:00	Open discussion	
h11:00-11:30	Coffee break	
h11:30-11:50	Didier Leroy Medicines for Malaria Venture, Director Drug Discovery	Medicines for Malaria Venture strategies and priorities
h11:50-12:10	Donatella Taramelli University of Milan, Department of Molecular and Pharmacological Sciences, Inter-university Center for Malaria Research	The network of malaria research in Italy
12:10-12:30	Raffaella Bucciardini The RicercitaliaAfrica Initiative of Istituto Superiore di Sanità	Mapping the Italian research in Africa on public health and infectious diseases
h12:30-12:50	Dalu Mancama Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Pretoria	Drug discovery against malaria parasite transmission in South Africa
12:50-13:10	Pietro Alano Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome	Bridging Italy-South Africa drug discovery research to fight malaria transmission
13:10-13:30	Open discussion / Close of meeting	
13:30	Light lunch	