

The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) and the Netherlands-African partnership for capacity development and clinical interventions against poverty-related diseases (NACCAP)

would welcome your attendance at a

STAKEHOLDER FORUM - 28 JUNE 2006 IN BRUSSELS

Bringing together representatives from academia, industry, governments and non-governmental organisations to debate:

CONNECTING THE CHAIN

Towards a comprehensive approach to delivering affordable medicines against poverty-related diseases.

OPENING

Dr. Pascoal Mocumbi, High Representative of EDCTP and former Prime Minister of Mozambique.

CHAIR

Jacques-François Martin, Founder and President of Parteurop and former CEO of Pasteur Merieux Connaught (now Sanofi-Pasteur), Chiron Vaccines and The Vaccine Fund.

SPEAKERS

Dr. Peter Manyike, Interim Co-Director Clinical and Scientific Affairs, and Medical and Regulatory Affairs Manager of the South African AIDS Vaccine Initiative (SAVI), **Dr. Chris Hentschel**, President & CEO, Medicines for Malaria Venture. **Dr. Ian Boulton**, Director, Global Commercial Strategy, Diseases of the Developing World, GlaxoSmithKline. **Dr. Mary Moran**, Director, Pharmaceutical R&D Policy Project. **Prof. Simon Croft**, Director R&D, Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative. **Prof. Adrian Hill**, Wellcome Trust Principal Research Fellow & Director, The Jenner Institute. **Dr. Awa Mary Coll-Seck**, Executive Secretary, Roll Back Malaria Partnership Secretariat, and former Minister of Health of Senegal.



THE CHALLENGE

Despite many efforts, the goal of bringing much-needed drugs and vaccines to communities in sub-Saharan Africa remains elusive.

One important reason is that the world is not yet allocating the funds needed to decisively tackle poverty-related diseases like HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.

At the same time, however, working together concertedly to deliver effective and affordable medicines is also proving to be a daunting task.

The product development chain, from early-stage scientific research all the way to delivery, is owned or affected by many players, all with their own background, jargon, priorities and interests. As a result, links of the chain are often not properly interconnected or even missing.

This Stakeholder Forum aims to identify gaps in the product development chain and to come up with an agenda for bridging them.



SOME KEY QUESTIONS

How should Europe organize and fund its support for vaccine and drug development, taking into account all parts of the chain?

How can we improve co-ordination and co-operation within the entire development chain, as well as amongst donors and the growing number of product development partnerships?

How can we make sure new drugs, vaccines and diagnostics fit in with national policies and health systems in Africa? How to ensure that local governments are equipped to handle market approval?

How can we improve current and planned funding programs so as to make sure that new medicines are not only effective but also affordable?

Do health care and research & development capacity deserve greater attention from national and international development agencies? How can these agencies get more involved in building research capacity in Africa?

How can we make push and pull support mechanisms work better together? How to increase investments in early-stage product development? And will advanced market commitments bring pharmaceutical industries back into the action?

STAKEHOLDER DEBATE

The afternoon Stakeholder Debate will use a format best known from parliamentary debates in the British House of Commons. The format was adapted by Dutch communications consultancy firm Schuttelaar & Partners to especially suit open stakeholder dialogues on emerging, often complex issues. The adapted format is characterized by a lively mix of information transfer and open debate in which all who are present participate. It also facilitates personal interaction between stakeholders, creating an atmosphere in which many new liaisons will be formed. The debate will be moderated by Gijs Weenink, Director of the Dutch Debate Academy.



During a House of Commons-style debate, moderator Gijs Weenink will invite participants to speak out.

PROGRAM

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 28, 2006 AT
FONDATION UNIVERSITAIRE, 30 RUE DU CHAMP DE MARS, BRUSSELS.

- 9:00 **Reception**
- 9:30 **Welcome**
- 9:45 **Presentations & Panel Discussions**
- 11:00 **Coffee**
- 11:15 **Presentations & Panel Discussions**
- 12:30 **Lunch**
- 14:30 **Stakeholder Debate**
- 15:45 **Tea**
- 16:15 **Conclusions and Closing Remarks**
- 17:00 **Drinks**

REGISTRATION

There are two ways to register for this event.

- Visit <http://www.schuttelaar.nl/connectingthechain> and complete the form
- E-mail or fax your contact details to Jochum Veerman (Schuttelaar & Partners):
E-mail: connectingthechain@schuttelaar.nl
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You will receive a confirmation of your registration, as well as advice on how to get to Fondation Universitaire in Brussels.

NOTES

- To guarantee the widest possible spectrum of views and interests during debates, a need to review some of the applications may arise. The organisers wish to ask for your understanding in this matter.
- All presentations and debates will be in English.

All practical arrangements are handled by Schuttelaar & Partners, a The Hague/Brussels-based consulting firm specialised in life-sciences-related communications.

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