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**Neglected Tropical
Diseases Meeting**



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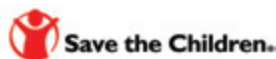
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Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) debilitate and dramatically reduce the quality of life for more than one billion of the world's poorest people. As a result, these diseases cause great suffering and prevent socioeconomic development in poor countries. Eliminating these diseases will require effective action and strong sustained global commitment. Effective action can only come from a connected community of individuals from many countries working in different sectors collaborating

closely together. The combined voice of this community will be an essential factor in sustaining global commitment over time. An open international meeting dedicated to eliminating NTDs will serve to nucleate this community and provide a podium from which its voice can be heard.

Due to increased awareness of NTDs worldwide, support for the fight against neglected diseases is increasing. Highlights include the 2010 US announcement to commit 450 million USD for Neglected Tropical Disease Control, the Department for International Development (DFID) pledge of 50 million GBP to combat NTDs in Africa, and a grant of 34 million USD from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in 2009 to reduce the global burden of the most prevalent NTDs. Together with other financial and pharmaceutical donations these new contributions are adding great force to ongoing efforts in countries most affected by these diseases. Increased efforts against NTDs have generated a need for an international meeting that is open to any and all individuals involved in these essential efforts. The ISID-NTD meeting will create a unifying space for sharing of experience and exchange of ideas between program partners, donors, public health workers, country representatives, innovators, investigators and others from all over the world. The meeting will promote the spirit of an intersectorial and interprogrammatic approach to the complex problem of NTDs as described in the WHO Global Plan to Combat Neglected Tropical Diseases 2008–2015.

An international meeting that is open and focused exclusively on NTDs will serve stakeholders, partners, donors, investigators and the global community in several ways. The meeting will provide a shared time to focus attention on the root causes and impact of NTDs, on current efforts to deliver treatments and on the work in progress to develop needed diagnostics and therapeutics. Importantly, the dedicated meeting will also provide an undiluted opportunity to raise awareness about NTDs in the eyes of the public and amongst policy makers. Additionally, the gathering will be an opportunity for partners to convene working groups in conjunction with the meeting.

Objectives of the ISID-NTD meeting:

- To maintain political and civil commitment at all levels to combat NTDs
- To reinforce the fight against global NTDs and its link to achieving the Millennium Development Goals
- To enable dialogue and exchange between partners working against NTDs
- To create opportunities for dialogue, analysis and discussion between individuals from all sectors and working in different areas to combat NTDs
- To promote the creation and sustainability of networks among partners to facilitate integrated programs against NTDs

Meeting Agenda:

- Plenary Sessions to address issues of common interest to all partners and participants
- Symposia/Round Tables for presentation and discussion about key topics relevant to the fight against NTDs
- Oral Session(s): One or more sessions will be devoted to brief oral presentations by individuals selected following review of submitted abstracts.
- Poster Session(s): One or more sessions will be devoted to poster presentations by individuals selected following review of submitted abstracts.
- Special Meetings: Organizations interested in arranging working meetings between partners and collaborators are encouraged to do so. ISID can assist in arranging the required facilities.

Topics:

- Root causes and prevention of NTDs
- Social and health impacts of NTDs
- NTD treatment programs: Successes and challenges
- Region-specific issues related to NTDs
- Raising public awareness and mobilizing commitment against NTDs
- Tools needed and tools in development to diagnose and treat NTDs
- Health system development and NTD treatment integration
- Disease-specific challenges

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Official Language: The official language of the meeting will be English.

Abstract Submission: Abstract submission will be open January 2011. The deadline for abstract submission will be April 30, 2011.

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