

## BRIEFING ON THE ALMA HEADS OF STATE FORUM IN MALABO EQUATORIAL GUINEA ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011

### Meeting Background

The meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 from 2:00pm to 3:30pm at the La Gaviota Restaurant was the 4<sup>th</sup> ALMA Heads of State Forum. Seven Heads of State and Government attended the meeting, as well as the Deputy Chair of the African UN, the Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations, 5 heads of delegation, several ministers and ambassadors.

### The Programme of the meeting

The meeting focused on:

- Recommendations from the Local Manufacturing conference
- The first complete ALMA Scorecard for Accountability and Action
- The handover of the chairmanship
- Feedback from the Heads of State and Government

### Meeting Outcomes

#### Recommendations from the Local Manufacturing conference

The five recommendations attached were well received by the Heads of State and Government. The Chair thanked the President of Kenya for hosting the conference.

#### The first complete ALMA Scorecard for Accountability and Action

The scorecard was a resounding success, and the Heads of State and Government were keen to demonstrate further progress. The Chair and Deputy Chair commended the Secretariat for the work that is going into the quarterly updates, that the Scorecard provides.

#### The handover of the chairmanship

Tanzania became the Chair for ALMA in July 2010 and the one-year term ended during at the meeting. His Excellency President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete of the United Republic of Tanzania asked the meeting to confirm Her Excellency Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, the President of Liberia, as the incoming Chair. Whilst accepting the position of incoming Chair, Her Excellency asked that His Excellency President Kikwete continue to hold the chairmanship until the end of the year. His Excellency President Kikwete accepted to do so.

MEMBER STATES

- African Union
- Angola
- Benin
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Cameroon
- Cape Verde
- Comoros
- Republic of Congo
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Djibouti
- Egypt
- Equatorial Guinea
- Ethiopia
- The Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Mauritius
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- United Republic of Tanzania
- Togo
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

## **Feedback from the Heads of State and Government**

- The Heads of State and Government noted that though malaria cannot be eliminated by 2015, a lot of progress can be made to achieve zero deaths by 2015 if the interventions that are recommended are followed. They urged one another to intensify the fight against malaria.
- They expressed continued concern about low utilization of LLINs and lack of agreement by households to allow indoor residual spraying, as well as reluctance to use ACTs. It was noted that this explained why malaria was eradicated in Principe, but continues to plague Sao Tome.
- Heads of State and Government supported the progress that Uganda reported to be making in using new technologies for larviciding.
- The Heads of State and Government noted with concern the persistent financing gap and urged development partners to maintain and increase financing, even as ALMA countries explore sustainable financing.

## **ALMA meeting in New York**

No conclusions were reached on the New York meeting, though reference was made to it by the Chair. The slot available for the meeting is 3:00pm to 7:00pm. This is also a time that the UN Secretary General is planning for an event on Maternal Health. The options available are: (i) to have ALMA agenda included in the maternal health meeting, or (ii) have a short ALMA meeting and have it back to back with the maternal health. Another option is to hold an ALMA reception after the maternal health meeting. His Excellency President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete said he would give guidance on the way forward

