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Suggested Talking Points for Her Excellency Mrs. Amira El Fadil

Introduction

- Let me take this opportunity to welcome you to the Press Conference of His Excellency President Kenyatta, the new Chair of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance.
- We look forward to working with you to advance advocacy, action, resource mobilisation and accountability and the continental and global stage.
- I would like to congratulate His Majesty King Mswati III for his strong leadership and passion for defeating malaria as demonstrated by the great achievements on the domestic scene as well as at the continental and global stage during his tenure as African Leaders Malaria Alliance Chair.
- Indeed malaria is an African Challenge: 93% of global malaria cases and 94% of global malaria deaths are in Africa.
- Ten AU Member States account for 67% of global malaria cases and 62% of deaths (Nigeria, DRC, Uganda, Cote d'Ivoire, Mozambique, Niger, Burkina Faso, Mali, Angola, Tanzania).
- While the targets in the Catalytic Framework to End AIDS, TB and Malaria in Africa by 2030 are very bold and ambitious, I am encouraged by the significant progress that is being made as highlighted in the African Union Malaria Progress Report.
- We should continue the big push for new funding initiatives with a focus on domestic financing, increased roles for the private sector, invest in new innovations and tools and above all maintain the political commitment, shared responsibility and global solidarity that we enjoy in the malaria fight.
- I thank you.