



WHO EXPERT WORKING GROUP ON R&D* FINANCING
Salle B, WHO headquarters
Geneva, 12-14 January 2009

AGENDA

Monday, 12 January 2009

- 09:30-10:30 **Opening Session**
- Welcome by Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General
Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Rapporteurs
Introductions (Experts)
- 10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00-12:30 **Session 2: Setting the Stage**
- The global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property
 - Method of work and expected outputs of Expert Working Group
- 12:30-14:00 *Lunch break*
- 14:00-17:30 **Session 3: Current Financing of R&D***
Presentations and discussions on:
- Monitoring financial flows in health research 2008
(*Prof. Stephen Matlin, Executive Director, Global Forum for Health Research*)
 - R&D financing by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
(*Dr Neil McDonnell, Chief of Staff, Global Health Program*)
 - R&D financing by research-based industry
(*Ms Alicia Greenidge, Director-General, International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations*)
 - Global funding of innovation for neglected diseases
(*G-FINDER initiative - Ms Anne-Laure Ropars, The George Institute for International Health*)
- 18:00-20:00 *Reception*

* Research and development related to Type II and Type III diseases and the specific needs of developing countries in relation to Type I diseases



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followed by

Session 4: Coordination of R&D*

Review of some existing models for R&D coordination, including:

- International AIDS Vaccine Initiative
(Dr Seth Berkley, President & CEO, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative)
- STOP TB New Tools Working Groups
(Dr Marcos Espinal, Executive Secretary, Stop TB Partnership Secretariat)
- Partnerships for Product Development
(Dr Robert Ridley, Director, Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases)
- Initiative for Vaccine Research
(Dr Marie-Paule Kieny, Director, Initiative for Vaccine Research)
- ESSENCE Initiative
(Prof. Hannah Akuffo, Manager, ESSENCE Secretariat, Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases)
- Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
(As an example from a non-health sector) (to be confirmed)

12:30-14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00-17:30 **Session 4** (*cont.*)

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9:00-12:30 **Session 5: Conclusions for Sessions 3 and 4 and any Relevant Follow-up Action**

Session 6: Future Meetings and Next Steps

(including discussions on procedures to solicit inputs/proposals from Member States)