

Executive Board 152: Global road map on defeating meningitis by 2030

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Strong support and commitment for the Global road map on defeating meningitis by 2030, was the clear response from Member States.

Thirteen Member States from the six WHO regions made specific supportive statements on the [Global road map on defeating meningitis by 2030 report \(EB152/10\)](#).

Those statements expressed concern that meningitis, remains a global threat and presents a major challenge for all health systems, and welcomed the Secretariat's coordinated and collaborative approach between countries and across regions and the operational framework for the prevention and control of meningitis through strengthening primary health care and universal health care.

Member States underscored the need for the investment case to set out the financial resources required to implement the Global road map, and the need for effective mobilization of resources to implement national strategic plans, boost vaccination coverage and improve the quality of diagnostics, management, care and rehabilitation.

Member States also noted the importance of the Strategy Support Group in accelerating action and maximizing the impact of the Global road map implementation.

In his statement, Dr Anshu Banerjee the Assistant Director-General Ad Interim (Universal Health Coverage/Life Course) said that the highly innovative Global road map addressed meningitis not only as a treatable and preventable infectious disease but also highlighted the need to support and care for people living with the sequelae of meningitis; that new aspect would be a powerful lever to improve access to disability support. The actions set out in the Global road map would not only improve meningitis prevention and control but also strengthen the integration of those efforts into primary and universal health care.

Sufficient resources were required at the global, regional and national levels to defeat meningitis in the shortest period and with maximum impact. An investment case setting out the financial resources required to implement the global road map was being finalized and would be launched in mid-2023 as part of a pledging event.

Note

List of Member States that made interventions during the discussion: Brazil, China, France, Ghana, India, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, Morocco (on behalf of the Member States of the Eastern Mediterranean Region), Paraguay, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, and Senegal (on behalf of the Member States of the African Region).