

Session Title: The Final Push: How Next-Generation Tools Could Change the Endgame for malaria elimination

Overview

As countries in the Asia–Pacific move closer to malaria elimination, progress is increasingly challenged by declining global health funding, emerging resistance, climate variability, and fragile health systems. This session explores how these pressures reshape the endgame of malaria elimination while highlighting promising next-generation tools such as long-acting prevention, single-dose cures, and improved diagnostics.

Session Objectives

- Examine key threats to sustaining malaria elimination gains.
- Share lessons from near-elimination and high-burden settings.
- Highlight next-generation tools and their potential impact.
- Identify strategies to accelerate readiness and uptake of innovation.

Session Format

Panel discussion with moderated Q&A and interactive audience engagement.

Speakers

Moderator: TBC

Dr Suravadee Kitchakarn (Thailand, DVBD)

Dr Jacob Kisomb (Papua New Guinea)

Caroline Lynch in place of Cristina Donini (MMV)

Paul Huleatt / Felicity James (Regulatory Expert, TBC)

Session Flow (60–75 minutes)

- Opening framing (5 min)
- Speaker interventions (7-10 min each)
- Moderated discussion & audience Q&A (20-30 min)

Key Themes

- Managing the “last mile” of elimination
- Responding to resistance and resurgence
- Leveraging innovation for sustained impact
- Strengthening coordination and health security

Expected Outcomes

- Increased awareness of emerging risks
- Alignment on priorities for next-generation tools
- Strengthened regional dialogue and partnerships