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Malaria on the decline in Africa: Do we really know why? - A dialogue meeting with Andrew Kitua -

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Venue: Room 9.2.22, Centre for Health and Society (CSS), Øster Farimagsgade 5, Copenhagen

Registration: No later than 26 October by e-mail to Pia P. Toft - ptoft@sund.ku.dk

There is reason to believe that malaria has been considerably reduced over the past years leading to fewer infections and deaths among people in low-income countries. The explanations of this fortunate development are many and include a number of factors related to better access to prevention such as insecticide treated bed nets and rapid diagnostic tests as well as treatment such as artemisinin-based combinations, ACTs, and possibly also climate change such as changing rainfall patterns. A host of other yet-to-be-defined factors may also play a significant role and call upon researcher to focus public health interventions and to be open to new research question.

This situation makes it even more important to discuss how malaria and global health research can contribute to malaria policies and to the achievement of the Millenium Development Goals by providing answers and insights to new questions. How can we strengthen research capacity to meet the malaria Millenium Development Goals at 2015? How will TDR -The Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases- contribute to better scientific collaboration between South and North? These are some of the many interesting questions that we will discuss at this meeting.

Programme

- *Welcome* - Professor Ib Bygbjerg, Chairman, Enreca Health
- *Presentation* - Dr Andrew Kitua
- *Debate*
- *Wrap-up* - Professor Flemming Konradsen, Director, Copenhagen School of Global Health and the Danish Society for Tropical Medicine & International Health

About Dr Kitua:

Dr Andrew Kitua is one of the world's leading malaria researchers. He was the first Tanzanian and African Director of the Ifakara Health Research and Development Centre in Tanzania. He has extensive work experience in public health and has published widely, especially in the area of malaria epidemiology, vaccine, clinical trials and health systems research. He was a member of the Foundation Board of the Global Forum for Health Research (2000-2005), and is currently, among other positions, a member of the WHO/TDR Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC). In 2008 he took over the chair of The European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP).



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