



Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 13 March 2024

Minutes

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 13 March 2024 in Room Q, Portcullis House, House of Commons.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases (hereafter known as the APPG or the Group) provides a forum for exploring issues pertaining to the fight against malaria and neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). The Group brings together Parliamentarians, academics, and sector professionals to discuss both the problems and solutions to defeating some of the most devastating diseases in the world. The Group aims to strengthen cross-Party Parliamentary support for UK leadership and investment in the fight to end malaria and NTDs, and to cultivate a strong group of Parliamentary champions.

The minutes of the AGM are as follows:

Present

The Rt Hon the Lord Browne of Ladyton
Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi MP
Patrick Grady MP
The Lord Oates
Virendra Sharma MP
James Sunderland MP
Derek Thomas MP
The Lord Trees
Catherine West MP

In attendance

Katy Craven, Office of James Sunderland MP
Fiona Shuttleworth, Office of The Lord Trees
Nathalie Spells, Office of Catherine West MP
Martha Varney, APPG on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases (Coordinator)

The Co-Chair and Registered Contact welcomed members to the meeting, and thanked members for their hard work and dedication to the Group throughout the last year. It was noted that due notice of the meeting had been given and that at least five Parliamentarians were present. Accordingly, a quorum was reached, and the meeting could proceed to business.

Those Parliamentarians present agreed the election of the following Officers unanimously:

- Co-Chair and Registered Contact – Catherine West MP
- Co-Chair – The Lord Trees
- Vice-Chairs – Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi MP and James Sunderland MP

Those Parliamentarians present noted the membership of the Group and that it met the new rule threshold of at least 20 Members (Paragraph 22c, All-Party Parliamentary Groups, Guide to the Rules). The Group's formal membership includes:

1. The Rt Hon the Lord Browne of Ladyton
2. Wendy Chamberlain MP
3. Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi MP

4. Patrick Grady MP
5. Fabian Hamilton MP
6. The Rt Hon the Baroness Hayman
7. Pauline Latham MP
8. The Rt Hon the Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale
9. The Rt Hon the Baroness Northover
10. The Lord Oates
11. Taiwo Owatemi MP
12. Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP
13. The Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick
14. Virendra Sharma MP
15. The Baroness Sheehan
16. The Lord Stone of Blackheath
17. James Sunderland MP
18. Derek Thomas MP
19. The Lord Trees
20. Catherine West MP

Those Parliamentarians present discussed and approved the APPG's Income and Expenditure Statement for 2023, which was subsequently signed by the Co-Chair and Registered Contact. Those Parliamentarians present noted that the bank account for the Group was in the process of being moved from Malaria No More UK (MNMUK) to (an) Officer(s) to meet the new rule for financial management of APPGs (Paragraph 80, All-Party Parliamentary Groups, Guide to the Rules).

Those Parliamentarians present discussed and approved a proposal for a new Due Diligence Statement in relation to foreign government funding (Paragraph 50b, All-Party Parliamentary Groups, Guide to the Rules). This Statement reads: The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases is not funded by a foreign government. The APPG receives funding and in-kind benefits from charities, research institutions, and organisations working across malaria and NTDs both in the UK and globally. These organisations receive funding from governments including the UK, the US, and the EU, for specific work relating to malaria and NTDs. No funding that is given to the APPG comes from this specific funding. The APPG's workplan is solely agreed to by its Officers.

Those Parliamentarians present discussed and approved a proposal that MNMUK continue to act as the Group's Secretariat until the end of the year/next Parliament (whichever comes first), with additions to ensure that the independence of the APPG from MNMUK is clearly stated in a revised Memorandum of Understanding.

Those Parliamentarians present discussed and approved the APPG's Annual Report for 2023, and the APPG's report on the Parliamentary delegation to Malawi, and received an update on the work of the APPG from the Coordinator.

Those Parliamentarians present agreed that, over the next year, the APPG would focus on the following priority areas of work:

- raise the profile of malaria and neglected tropical diseases;
- hold the government to account for meeting commitments relating to ending the epidemics of malaria and neglected tropical diseases;
- demonstrate the impact and value of UK aid, with a focus on upcoming Replenishments and funding for long-term research;

- support and promote British-backed science, research, and innovation, including UK institutions and PDPs, and equitable research partnerships and capacity-building in endemic countries;
- build relationships with Parliamentary Groups, forums, and caucuses in endemic and donor countries;
- draw attention to the impact of climate change and changes to the natural environment on malaria and neglected tropical diseases;
- draw attention to the impact of conflict and humanitarian crises on malaria and neglected tropical diseases; and
- promote cross-sectoral collaboration to maximise the impact of UK investment – for example, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), nutrition, maternal and child health, mental health, disability inclusion, pandemic preparedness and response, and drug, insecticide, and antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Those Parliamentarians present discussed and agreed a proposal to update the Foreign Secretary and Minister for Development on the work of the Group, and on the importance of the UK meeting its commitments relating to ending the epidemics of malaria and neglected tropical diseases.