

# SUMMARIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

NETWORKS OF EXCELLENCE  
SESSION

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# INTRODUCTION

- SEVERAL NETWORKS PRESENTED THEIR VISION , GOALS AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES IN HIV/AIDS, MALARIA & TB. THESE INCLUDED:
  - AAVP-HIV VACCINES
  - MCTA- MALARIA CLINICAL TRIALS
  - AMANET-MALARIA VACCINE CAPACITY BUILDING
  - PABIN IN BIOETHICS
  - VIENNA SCHOOL CAPACITY BUILDING NETWORK FOR AFRICA
  - MIM-MALARIA RESEARCH NETWORK
  - TB VACSIN-VACCINE TRIAL NETWORK
  - EDCTP REGIONAL NETWORK OF EXCELLENCE



# ISSUES RAISED

- HOW DOES THE MALARIA NETWORKS FIT TOGETHER
- WHAT ARE THE LINKAGES OF THE NEW TB NETWORK TO EXISTING TB VACCINE NETWORK
- PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF THE EDCTP NETWORK OF EXCELLENCE AT REGIONAL LEVEL
- SHOULD WE HAVE NETWORK OF EXCELLENCE BY DISEASES, EG MALARIA HIV/AIDS AND TB



# CONCLUSIONS

- NETWORKS SHOULD REDUCE OVERLAPS IN THEIR MANDATES
- NEED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON VARIOUS NETWORKS
- NEED FOR COMPLIMENTARITY AND USING THEIR COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CAPACITY BUILDING AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES- BASIC SCIENCE OR CLINICAL TRIALS ETC



# RECOMMENDATIONS TO EDCTP

- NETWORKS SHOULD HAVE SPECIFIC ROLES AND MINIMAL OVERLAPS
- THERE SHOULD BE SOME FLEXIBILITY IN SUPPORTING SOME OF THE EMERGING NETWORKS IF THEY HAVE A VIABLE AND STRONG PROPOSAL
- EDCTP TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHER ORGANISATION SUPPORTING NETWORKS SUCH AS WELLCOME TRUST.
- NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY WHEN SELECTING EDCTP NETWORK OF EXCELLENCE REGIONALLY
- NEED FOR COORDINATION OF ALL NETWORKS

