The Evolution of APMEN

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In its first six years APMEN has:

• Developed a collaborative platform for malaria program managers and regional partners

• Established Technical Working Groups and a Fellowships Program

• Advocated for elimination efforts across the Asia Pacific region
In its first six years APMEN has:

- Established a *country-led* platform for elimination
- Brought global attention to the achievements and diverse challenges faced by Asia Pacific countries
- Brought together unique spectrum of stakeholders in elimination
APMEN as a platform for elimination

Core program areas to date:

• advocacy and leadership for elimination
• building the evidence base
• building capacity
• knowledge exchange
APMEN’s role: Accelerating action toward elimination

Key strengths:

• An open forum for NMCPs, researchers and industry
• Country ownership of strategic priorities and activities
• Supporting and building capacity of Country Partners
• Established partnerships and technical expertise
• Dissemination of tools and information
Moving forward (gaps from evaluations)

• Systematic identification of priorities
• More explicit action and outcome orientation
• Focus on *effectiveness* of interventions
• Stronger support for implementation
• Facilitation for translation of evidence to policy/practice
The New Context

• Regional leaders have committed to malaria elimination in Asia Pacific by 2030
• APLMA is now responsible for political advocacy activities
• APMEN and APLMA secretariats will come together for synergy and efficiency
• APMEN/APLMA will have an Asia-based (Singapore) secretariat
• Uncertain funding for APLMA/APMEN
The Future

• Adaptable network responsive to changing landscape
• Country-led
• Addressing critical barriers of direct programmatic relevance
• Dynamic and flexible approach
• Open forum for collaboration to drive elimination agenda forward
• Stronger emphasis on outcomes of immediate use
• Accountability/transparency
Questions and discussion