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A symposium to introduce you to the work of the ACT Consortium  
2009 MIM Conference, KICC, Nairobi, Kenya

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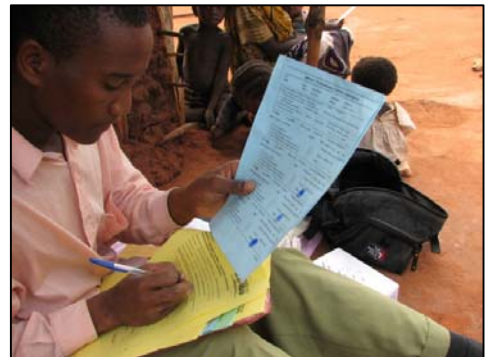
**The ACT Consortium is a global research partnership** working to optimize the delivery of artemisinin-based combination therapy (ACTs) to those populations that need them most.

**We are currently coordinating 15 studies in 9 countries** involving 21 partners from Africa, Asia, Europe and the United States.

**We aim to answer key questions on malaria drug delivery** in Africa and Asia. Although there is considerable information about the efficacy of ACTs, there is little evidence on *how* they should best be deployed. We hope to change this by developing, implementing and rigorously evaluating different interventions and delivery mechanisms.

**We take a multi-disciplinary approach to our work**, looking at the effectiveness of ACTs over time, cost-effectiveness of delivery strategies, acceptability, safety, and how to improve ACT use by prescribers and patients. We are testing a range of strategies based on Rapid Diagnostic Tests and targeted behaviour change communication methods.

**Join us on 5<sup>th</sup> November to learn more!**





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## **Welcome/Karibu**

This symposium will introduce you to the work of the ACT Consortium. We will present overviews of our main research themes - improving ACT access, targeting, safety and quality - and share a case study for each.

## **Programme:**

Chair: Prof. Wilfred F. Mbacham, University of Yaounde, Cameroon

### **10.45 am Overview of the ACT Consortium**

Prof. David Schellenberg, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK

### **11.00 am Improving targeting of ACTs**

- Dr. Anthony Mbonye, Ministry of Health, Uganda
- Dr. Frank Baiden, Kintampo Health Research Centre, Ghana

### **11.30 am Improving access to ACTs**

- Prof. Wilfred F. Mbacham, University of Yaounde, Cameroon
- Dr. Salim Abdulla, Ifakara Health Institute, Tanzania

### **12.00 pm Monitoring safety & determining quality of ACTs**

- Dr. Sarah Staedke, Infectious Disease Research Collaboration, Uganda
- Dr. Tamara Kredo, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Dr. Harparkash Kaur, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK

**12.45 pm** General questions and discussion. **Thank you/Asante sana!**

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