

ACCELERATING R&D FOR SNAKEBITES

PROGRAMME

Objectives

The purpose of this event is to convene a diverse group of actors, both established SBE researchers and investors, as well as potentially new and interested players, to discuss and identify future direction/prospects of the SBE R&D ecosystem to deliver impactful research. In particular, we aim to:

1. Kick-off discussion on barriers to prioritisation and investment of SBE, where it falls on the NTD / One Health / Global Health research agendas and what a productive R&D ecosystem looks like by answering a series of “challenge questions”
2. Invite key stakeholders from the neglected disease R&D community to learn from their experiences and see how they can be applied to SBE.
3. Socialise SBE R&D investment to funders who are scanning the horizon for new promising

Agenda

9:00am – Welcome and introduction

Spring Gombe, Market Access Africa

9:20am – **Challenge question 1: How can the current SBE R&D system be improved or optimized?** Presentation and discussion.

Juliette Borri, Policy Cures Research

10:30am – Coffee break

10:45am – **Challenge question 2: How does SBE fit into the One Health and Planetary Health research agendas?** Presentation and discussion.

Rafael Ruiz de Castaneda, UNIGE

11:55am – Lunch break

1:30pm – **Challenge question 3: What are the top priorities for advancing SBE R&D?** Presentation and discussion.

Gabriel Alcoba, MSF and Isabela Riberio, DNDi

2:25pm – WHO SBE team representative reaction and forward looking-statement

Mike Turner, WHO

2:50pm – Coffee break

3:00pm – **Challenge question 4: What is the business case for investing in SBE? Reflections from the halfway point of the SBE program.** Presentation and discussion.

Diogo Martins, Wellcome

4:10pm – Next steps and closing remarks

4:30pm – Event ends