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Global Malaria Community to Unveil Latest Research at MIM Pan-African Malaria Conference 2009 in Nairobi

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Leading experts from around the world will gather in Nairobi, Kenya, next month to unveil new findings and recent developments in global efforts to eradicate malaria – which continues to kill one child every 30 seconds.

The 5th Multilateral Initiative on Malaria (MIM) Pan-African Malaria Conference, **Sunday, 1 November to Friday, 6 November 2009**, will bring together more than 1,500 scientists, policymakers, health care workers and activists from throughout Africa and around the world. Panelists and speakers will present the latest research on tools and strategies that could one day save millions of lives, and discuss ways to increase access to them among the world's poorest populations. Highlights will include:

- *New medicines for malaria:* With drug resistance spreading, what are the latest advances in drugs to control malaria?
- *Advances in vaccine development:* With vaccine candidates in late-stage clinical trials, how close are we to an effective vaccine to combat the disease?
- *Insecticide resistance:* Is there new evidence that mosquitoes are overcoming insecticides used in bed nets and in other malaria control efforts?

This is the first MIM conference since 2005, and the first one hosted by an African organization. The meeting will highlight African leadership in the struggle to reach the Millennium Development Goals calling for comprehensive, effective and affordable malaria prevention and treatment.

WHAT: MIM Pan-African Malaria Conference 2009

WHEN: Sunday, 1 November to Friday, 6 November

WHERE: Kenyatta International Conference Center, Nairobi, Kenya

Site visits to research projects and endemic communities are being organized beginning 28 September. **To register for the conference and site visits, please return the attached form to: lv@ghadvocates.org.**

ELECTRONIC UPDATES AND VIRTUAL PRESS ROOM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEDIA UNABLE TO ATTEND.

For more information please visit: <http://www.mimalaria.org/pamc/>