



DECLARATION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF
FRANCOPHONE MAYORS

ZERO MALARIA STARTS WITH FRANCOPHONE MAYORS

Together, we can achieve a
world free from the burden
of malaria !

**ZERO MALARIA STARTS
WITH ME, AND WITH
EVERY ONE OF US.**

We, Francophone Mayors, gathered in Paris for the official celebration of World Malaria Day 2019, are united in our collective commitment to end malaria, one of the oldest and deadliest diseases, which threatens more than 218 million citizens around the world, especially across sub-Saharan Africa.

As Mayors, we have an important role to play in controlling and eliminating malaria in urban settings, which—together with other vector-borne diseases—can be exacerbated due to poor sanitation and water management, sub-standard housing and infrastructure, and inadequate access to quality health services. In particular, lack of access to rapid diagnosis and treatment, especially among the urban poor, leads to higher mortality from this entirely preventable and treatable disease.

In the spirit of cooperation, we, Francophone Mayors, therefore pledge to support global efforts towards a malaria-free world as part of the “Zero Malaria Starts with Me” campaign led by the RBM Partnership to End Malaria, and more specifically to:

- Integrate malaria prevention and vector control measures in urban development strategies, including new housing and infrastructure projects;
- Improving access to sanitation services and safe drinking water;
- Support public awareness campaigns around malaria prevention and treatment in our communities;
- Use our voice and platforms in support of malaria elimination at the local, national and international levels;
- Promote improved access to health services for urban populations;
- Strengthen collaboration with local health services in developing action plans to fight malaria;
- Share best practices and progress with members of the International Network of Francophone Mayors and the RBM Partnership to End Malaria.