

## Kigali Declaration Q&A Document

Virtual Event on April 28, 2022

The Canadian Network for NTDs in partnership with Uniting to Combat NTDs held a virtual Kigali Declaration Q&A session. This session was for Canadian organizations wishing to learn more and take part in endorsing the Kigali Declaration. Here are some the questions that we received below. Please contact us at [info@cnntd.org](mailto:info@cnntd.org) if you would like to view a recording of this event.

**You can also find additional information and FAQs about the Kigali Declaration on the [Uniting to Combat NTDs website](#) and information on making a commitment on the [100% committed website](#).**

1. Organization-specific commitments – Do these commitments need to be new stand-alone commitments in the name of the Kigali Declaration, or can we highlight an existing strategy or program that is aligned with the Kigali Declaration?

Commitments need to align with [WHO NTD Road Map 2030 goals](#). The aim is to capture both new and pre-existing commitments that start from 2021 and go up to 2030 (noting the commitment does not have to go up to 2030). If the activity has been completed, it should not be entered onto the platform as a commitment towards the Kigali Declaration.

2. The Declaration is set to expire in 2030. Does it have to be a one-time commitment, or an on-going commitment?

It doesn't have to be a one-off commitment. Commitments can be on-going (and iterative) commitments and future commitments. Organisations making commitments can update and/or revise their commitments in the tracker at any point in the led-up to the Summit and up until 2030.

3. Who is the signatory for organizations not headquartered in Canada, but with Canadian satellite offices?

Getting your organization's headquarters to sign is ideal – this is our preference for the global campaign. Canadian Network note: Getting your Canadian offices to sign the Kigali Declaration is important for Canada and Canadian NTD advocacy as these offices will also have their own strategies in working with the Canadian Government and the Canadian public.

4. How do we avoid double-counting in organizations like ours that are a network of several organizations?

Each organization will have their own set of NTD deliverables, plus the Network has deliverables that focus on advocacy and communications. Individual organizations should make their own commitments and the Network will make a commitment specific to its work.

To ensure that duplication is avoided, especially with regards to financial commitments, it would be helpful if organizations wishing to make a commitment could communicate where their funding sources come from. UTC is asking organisations that wish to make a commitment to confirm where the budget for

the proposed commitment is derived from and break it down by each source e.g., bilateral donors, public fundraising. This information will ensure an accurate picture of NTD commitments and avoid duplication.

5. How might signatures be celebrated at the Kigali Summit on Malaria and NTDs?

Commitments and endorsements for the Kigali Declaration will begin to be announced and celebrated at The Kigali Summit on Malaria and NTDs, where the Declaration will be launched. The specifics of these announcements are currently being decided, and are subject to conversations between all relevant stakeholders. If you have specific considerations on your announcement, please reach out to [commitments@unitingtocombatntds.org](mailto:commitments@unitingtocombatntds.org) to begin discussions.

6. Does the Canadian Network for NTDs plan to create a CSO signing letter directed to the Canadian Government and Minister Sajjan?

That's a great idea and we will work to put this together.

7. The role of support offices in terms of getting country-level commitments (if HQs and global CEOs will be best placed to sign the Kigali Declaration)?

For Canada there are a lot of organizations with satellite offices in Canada, and their engagement is really important. There is a role for satellite offices and Canadian civil society to be engaged, considering that there is local funding that is received here in Canada. You can also support your organization's engagement within endemic countries. The number of Canadian organizations that engage and support the Kigali Declaration will help leverage domestic support towards the Kigali Declaration by the Canadian Government.

*Additional questions not part of this live Q&A:*

1. Can the Kigali Declaration for NTDs be signed in advance of the Kigali Summit or during/at the summit?

The Kigali Declaration can be signed at anytime, however the Canadian Network for NTDs will be asking the Government of Canada to endorse the Kigali Declaration ahead of the Kigali Summit for Malaria and NTDs on June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Kigali, Rwanda. The Kigali Summit can be leveraged as a moment to celebrate Canadian endorsement to the Declaration. Alternatively, the G7 Health Ministerial meetings (May 19-20) or G7 Leaders Summit (June 26-28) could also be moments to celebrate.

Canada's signature to the Kigali Declaration would follow endorsements by the governments of Rwanda, Tanzania, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Germany and the African Union.

2. On behalf of Canada, who is expected to or should (level) sign it?

The signatory to the Kigali Declaration ought to be the Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of International Development or a higher authority. To date, signatories have included the Prime Minister of Rwanda H.E. Édouard Ngirente, the President of Tanzania H.E Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of Nigeria, H.E. Muhammadu Buhari, the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, Honorable James Marape, and the Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany, Svenja Schulze.

3. What is the process for making a commitment and endorsing (signing) the Kigali Declaration?

### How to make a commitment

To make a commitment send an email to the [commitments@unitingtocombatntds.org](mailto:commitments@unitingtocombatntds.org) requesting a username and password. The primary contact person should be the leader of your organisation which then ensures appropriate authority and accountability. The person who is given access will upload the commitments on the tracker. For stage moment in Kigali, we would either need to discuss your commitment or have it loaded to the tracker by the end of May.

Any questions please contact [commitments@unitingtocombatntds.org](mailto:commitments@unitingtocombatntds.org). A member of the UTC Secretariat will be happy to talk through the process of commitments and support in any way possible.

### How to endorse the Kigali Declaration

The [100 percent committed website](#) details the process for endorsing the Kigali declaration. There you will see a [one-page declaration](#), which is the version people should sign. There is also a [full version](#) developed collaboratively and contains the sector specific commitments. If you are able to take a photo of the signing or a video this can be used as part of the communications during the The Kigali Summit on Malaria and NTDs and/or the lead up – however, videoing or photos are not mandatory and only if the opportunity arises.

Send these assets along with an electronic / scanned copy of the signed declaration to [commitments@unitingtocombatntds.org](mailto:commitments@unitingtocombatntds.org).