
During this workshop, participants collaborated to revise the Generic Guidelines for Case-Based Surveillance of Bacterial Meningitis in the WHO African Region, and the MenAfriNet Data Management Team successfully rolled out the MenAfriNet Epi Info 7 Data Management System.
The event was also a time to honor the career contributions of Prof. Denis Kandolo, WHO-IST/WA, upon his retirement following the workshop. Merci Denis!

Each country provided a situational report on the 2014 and 2015 meningitis seasons, updated on MenAfriNet implementation progress, and shared their experiences with case-based surveillance data management, specimen collection, and laboratory confirmation. Timelines were established for the implementation of the updated Case-Based Surveillance Guidelines as well as the MenAfriNet database before the next meningitis season. The Niger delegation used the workshop as an opportunity to alert partners about a rise in cases of serogroup C and discuss their response plan.

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