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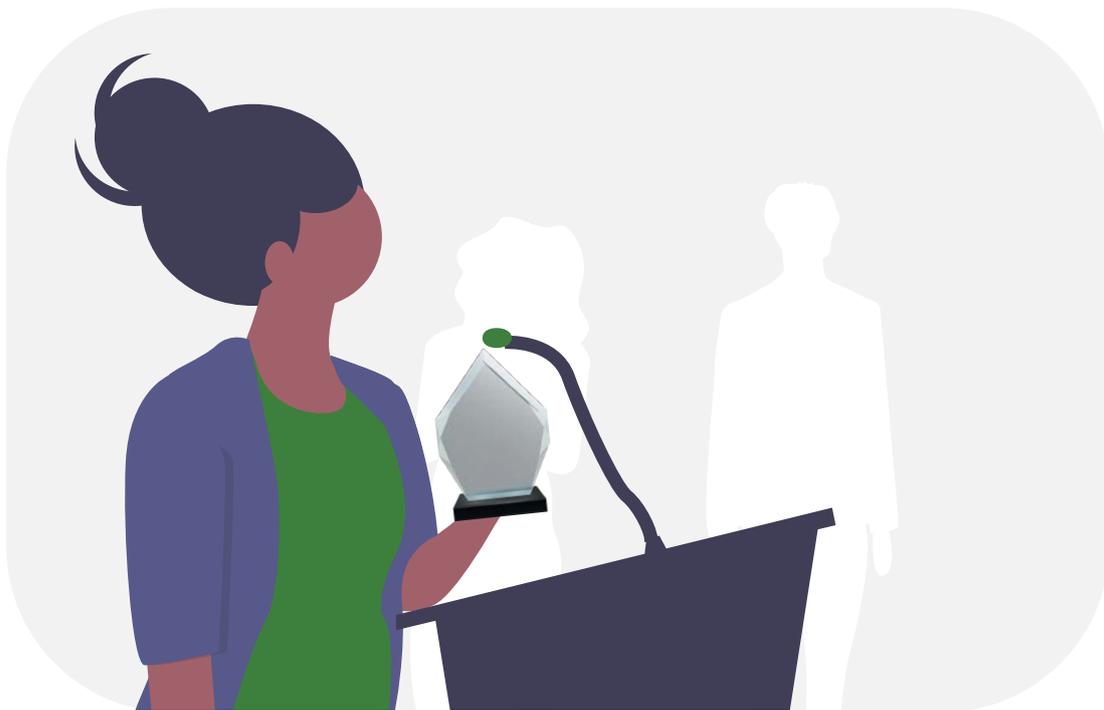


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Vector-borne disease (VBDs), many of which are endemic to sub-Saharan African (SSA) still exert immense pressure on the public health systems in many of these countries. Women are key change agents in the concerted effort to combat VBDs, thus their involvement in the design, leadership and execution of health interventions increases the levels of community acceptance and compliance and help shape best practices in VBD control and elimination. However, women continue to face enormous socio-cultural and gender-related barriers in their quest to engage fully in vector control initiatives both at the professional and community level.

It is therefore important for African-based institutions, and all women allies to take deliberate steps to put in place programs that enhance women's participation in vector control and elimination initiatives. The active participation of women in vector control activities has multiple benefits including, providing equal access to gainful employment to women, similar to men; promote better health outcomes, and creates sustainability in the vector control and elimination programs. PAMCA has mainstreamed gender issues in its capacity building in vector control in SSA countries by establishing a fully-fledged Woman in Vector Control (WIVC) program with the main aim of strengthening the role of women in the control and elimination of VBDs



During this year's Virtual PAMCA Annual Conference & Exhibition, PAMCA through its WIVC program, and with the support of its partners, plan to continue supporting the active participation of women in vector control by organizing award ceremonies that recognize the efforts, achievements and excellence among women who have contributed exceptionally to research and leadership in the control of VBDs in SSA. Through this award program, PAMCA will honor six women under three categories: young and upcoming, mid-, and expert/established WIVC, with a token grant of up to \$2000 each. The awardees will have the liberty to re-invest the funds in initiatives that promotes women participation in VBDs in SSA.

The objectives of the WIVC Excellence Award include:

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Award excellence in early career and senior WIVC

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To increase visibility of WIVC in Africa

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To empower and build confidence in the work done by WIVC



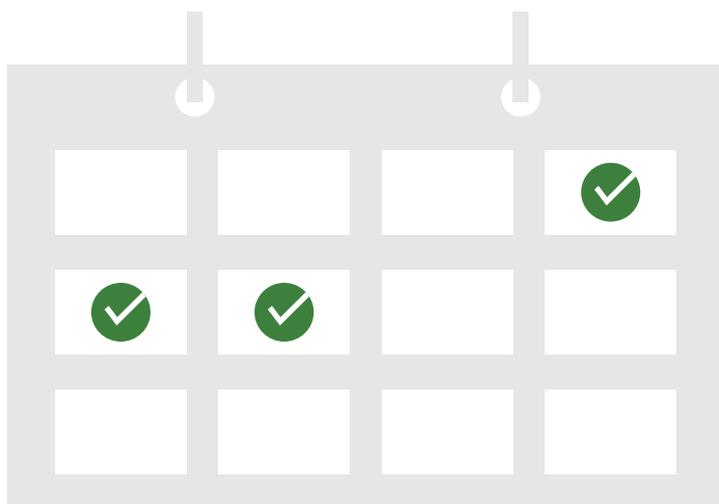
Awardees will be competitively selected from a short-list of applicants based on a pre-determined criteria

Eligibility

- Applications are welcome from early-, mid- and expert career women in vector control who are actively engaged in VBD control initiatives.
- The applicant must have already submitted an abstract or plan to present their work during the 7th PAMCA conference.
- The award is only available to Women in Vector Control whose country of residence and citizenship is in Africa.
- Duly subscribed PAMCA members in the year 2021.

Important Dates

- Call for applications opens: **24th June 2021**
- Application deadline: **10th July 2021, 5PM GMT**
- Notification of funding: by **15th August 2021**



How to apply

The PAMCA WIVC excellence recognition application form is available here. Applicants are required to submit their personal profile, statement of interest, recommendation letters and CV. The award is only available to Africa-based career women who are PAMCA members. Applicants must apply to become a member if not already one. Membership is open to all those with an interest in the field and the Association, and can join via

<https://pamca.org/membership/>

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