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“Roll Back Malaria - Roll in Development: Reviewing 50 Years of Economic Promises”



Thursday, October 5th, 4:00 p.m.

Rita Anne Rollins Room (Rm. 860)

1518 Clifton Rd

In 2002, the campaign to Roll Back Malaria in Africa was kicked off at a Conference in Abuja, Nigeria. The conference slogan was “Roll Back Malaria, Roll in Development.” The phrase captured the belief that malaria blocked development in Africa and other parts of the developing world, and that controlling or eliminating malaria would provide an economic boost for countries suffering from the burden of this disease. Buttressed by the writings of economist Jeffrey Sachs and his colleagues, the promise that malaria control will generate economic development is now widely proclaimed within international health and development circles, despite the fact that there is very little empirical evidence to support the claim.

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