Find a vertebrate host and feed from their MediLabSecure experience!



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Dear colleagues, dear friends,

We have designed an icebreaker exercise, mimicking a vector-host interaction, to welcome and facilitate exchanges between experienced and new members of the MediLabSecure network.

The aim of your mission is simple:

As a "vector", you need to find a "host" to feed from their MediLabSecure previous experience.

This host might provide you advice and guidance in this MediLabSecure network. From your part, you might bring them experience you gained in other networks, provide fresh perspective or introduce them to the new region of the project: the Sahel.

## How to find a host? Few tips and rules before starting.

- 1. Your host must have participated in the first phase of MediLabSecure (which means, they come from any country except Sahel countries).
- 2. Your host must be involved in a discipline different than yours (for example, if you are an epidemiologist, you could appraach a veterinarian).
- 3. Once you have found the appropriate host, engage in a discussion to fill in together the short form on the back of this sheet.
- 4. Bring us back this filled form at the welcome desk.

### Any questions?

> What if I do not want to participate?

Of course if you do not feel comfortable with it, you are not obliged to participate. There is no big deal.

> What if I do not find any interesting host?
This is not possible in MediLabSecure!



The first three "vectorhost interactions" that will give us the completed form will be rewarded with MediLabSecure goodies

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### **Vector** (who are you?)

# Vector habitat: (Where can we find you ? Institute/position/discipline/country) Host preference: (Which topic do you feel absolutely passionnate about ?)

### **Host** (who is your host?)

Host habitat: (Where can you find him/her ? Institute/position/discipline/country)		
Host-vector contact: (Why did you choose this host ?)		

### Transmission (Do you know MedilabSecure ?)

1. Which topic was not covered during a MediLabSecure activity?	4. Which discipline was added to the second phase of the MediLabSecure?
□Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic fever □Rift Valley Fever □West Nile Virus □All three have already been discussed during MediLabSecure activities	□Medical entomology □Early warning tool and modelling □Public Health □Animal virology □Human virology
2. Please list 2 existing tools from the first phase of MediLabSecure.	5. Please propose 3 topics that in your opinion would be most relevant to cover during a future MediLabsecure activity (meeting/workshop/other).
3. Please list 3 benefits of the project.	