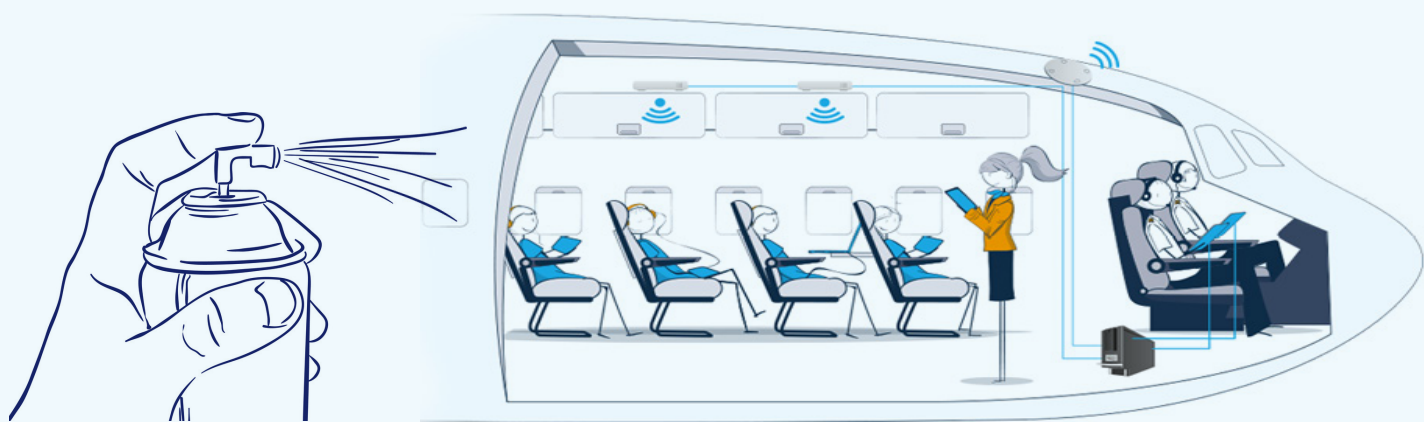


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## 1. Introduction

*Raman Velayudhan*

Dr Velayudhan welcomed participants to the consultation on behalf of the Director of the WHO Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases. WHO had last published guidance on aircraft disinsection in 1995, but this publication was now out of date and parts of it had been superseded by more recent guidelines. Additionally, the rapid spread of mosquito-borne diseases such as Zika virus disease had focused attention on the need for updated guidance, even including on the value of aircraft disinsection as a valid public health measure.

The objectives of the meeting were outlined, namely:

- to review the challenges faced by end-users of aircraft disinsection products;
- to review current and new procedures for aircraft disinsection;
- to review the need for new insecticide formulations; and
- to make recommendations on the selection of disinsection methods to be used.

Participants were reminded of the need:

- to advise on updating the WHO recommendations on the selection and use of aircraft disinsection products and methods;
- to advise on the development of standard operating procedures for all aircraft disinsection methods; and
- to advise on the development of training materials and tools.

The meeting agenda was summarized; it is attached to this report as Annex 1. Participants then introduced themselves around the table. The participants are listed in Annex 2. It was explained for the record that all invited WHO experts had completed a *Declaration of interests for WHO experts* form before the meeting, which had been reviewed by the WHO Secretariat and were found to contain no interests that would preclude any of the persons from taking part in the meeting. Professor Graham Matthews was appointed as the Chair of the meeting, and Mr David Bramley as the Rapporteur.

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