

AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NATIONAL NTD PROGRAMME MANAGERS IN THE WHO AFRICAN REGION

“Innovating for acceleration: Pathway to NTD Elimination”

**15-17 April 2025 (hybrid meeting)
Hôtel Sarakawa, Lomé Togo.**

Day 1: Tuesday 15th April 2025 Midway Milestone Progress on the WHO NTD Roadmap

Time UTC+0	Topic and Session	Presenters	Moderator	Rapporteurs
08:30 - 09:00	Registration	All	Organizers	
09:00 - 09:10	Introduction to the meeting	All	Ms Santa-Mika Ndayiziga	
09:10 - 09:45	Session 1: Opening plenary session	Dignitary Togo Kikundi COP Chair WHO Togo Ministry of Health Togo	Dr Elizabeth Juma Dr Dorothy Achu	Dr Baza Bismas Dr Dhruv Pandey Dr Winiga KOUDEMA
09:45 - 10:00	Group photo session	All	Organizers	
10:00 - 10:10	Housekeeping & admin session	WCO -Togo	WCO -Togo	
10:10 - 10:20	Security briefing	WCO -Togo	WCO -Togo	
10:20 - 10:30	PRSEA Overview	WCO -Togo	WCO -Togo	
10:30 - 11:00	Health Break/ Poster sessions	All	Organizers	
11:00 - 12:30	Session 2: NTD Roadmap mid-term milestones (plenary) NTD Roadmap 2021-2030: Mid-term disease specific updates – Towards achievements of targets and sub-targets for each PC-NTD and CM-NTDS	Dr Daniel Dagne Dr Didier Bakajika Dr Abate Beshah	Dr Elizabeth Juma Dr Dorothy Achu	Dr N'DRI, N'goran Raphaël Dr Zeyede Zeleke
12:30 - 13:00	Session 3: Reflections on four years of peer-to-peer learning site visits by Kikundi (plenary)	Dr Ndéye Mbacké KANE	Dr Amir Kello	Ms Sharon Omondi Dr Amir Kello
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break	All	Organizers	
14:00 - 16:00	Session 4: Current funding landscape for NTDs (plenary)	WHO-HQ WHO/AFRO AU RLM National Programmes (Angola, Benin, Ethiopia, Tanzania)	Dr Elizabeth Juma	Dr Yves Barogui Ms Santa-Mika Ndayiziga
16:00 - 16:30	Health Break/ Poster sessions	All	Organizers	
19:00 - 21:00	Cocktail evening	All	Organizers	

Day 2: Wednesday 16th April 2025

Driving Change Through Technological Innovation

Time UTC+0	Topic and Session	Presenters	Moderator	Rapporteurs
8:30 - 10:30	Session 5: Innovative Integrated Surveillance Tools: Enhancing Data for NTD Elimination (plenary) ESPEN Collect: End-to-End Onchocerciasis Vector Surveillance in Nigeria NTD Geospatial Microplanning Tool Schistosomiasis Practical and Precision Assessment Tool: Insights from Kenya's Implementation Schistosomiasis Practical and Precision Assessment Tool: Insights from Senegal's Implementation Practical demonstration Geospatial Microplanning Tool	Mr Jordan Lerner (Dimagi) Mr Coite Manuel (Crosscut) NTD Kenya Dr Ndéye M'backé Kane (NTD Senegal) Mr Bocar Anne (Crosscut)	Mr Honorat Zoure	Dr Mansur Ranjbar Dr Spes Caritas NTABANGANA Mr Honorat Zoure
10:30 - 11:00	Health Break/ Poster sessions	All	Organizers	
11:00 - 12:00	Session 6: Harnessing AI & Data Analytics: Transforming NTD Management for Impact (plenary) AI-Powered Surveillance for Integrated Skin NTDs: Advancing Early Detection and Monitoring Leveraging AI for PC-NTD Management: Lessons from Multi-Country Implementation The ESPEN GenAI Assistant: Transforming Data Access and Decision-Making for NTD Programs	Dr Jose Ruiz Postigo Dr Ernest Mensah (Ghana MoH) Ms Lilianna Bagnoli	Dr Jorge Cano Dr Abate Beshah	Dr Daniel Mwiti Dr Jorge Cano Dr Abate Beshah
12:00 - 12:30	Session 7: Implementing Digital Payments to Health Workers involved in NTD campaigns (plenary)	Ms Abena Oppon-Kusi Mr Ahmed Hamani Djibo	Ms Flora Lekhanya-Mohatla	Ms Flora Lekhanya-Mohatla
12:30 - 13:00	Session 8: WHO NTD Research & Development Blueprint (plenary)	Dr Anthony Solomon	Dr Amir Kello	Dr Amir Kello
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break	All	Organizers	
14:00 - 15:30	Session 9.1: Cutting-Edge Diagnostics: Exploring breakthroughs in diagnostic tools and methods (parallel session) HAT diagnostics session Buruli Ulcer	Dr Veerle Lejon Prof Delphin Phanzu Dr Yves Thierry Barogui	Dr Aime Adjami Dr Augustin Kadima Ebeja	Dr A. Kharchi TFEIL Dr Aime Adjami Dr Augustin Kadima Ebeja
14:00 - 15:30	Session 9.2: Transformative Treatments: Showcasing innovative therapies and drug delivery systems (parallel session) Chemoprophylaxis for Leprosy (Nigeria, Ethiopia & Ghana) Moxidectin	Dr Yves Thierry Barogui Ms Sally Kinrade	Dr Yves Thierry Barogui Dr Anne Schoenmakers	Dr Sharmila Lareef Dr Yves Thierry Barogui
14:00 - 15:30	Session 9.3: Strengthening Last-Mile Supply Chains: Lessons from Last-Mile Assessments & Enhancing Inventory Reporting (parallel session)	Ms Sarah Anderson Ms Namuchille Kaonga	Ms Namuchille Kaonga	Ms Namuchille Kaonga Dr Kokou Mawule DAVI
15:30 - 16:00	Health Break/ Poster sessions	All	Organizers	
16:00 - 17:00	Session 10.1: Partner sessions on SCM (parallel session) Supply chain technical support mechanism in eight supported countries (MOH & WHO CO)	Ms Sarah Anderson Ms Namuchille Kaonga	Ms Namuchille Kaonga	Ms Namuchille Kaonga Dr Kokou Mawule DAVI
16:00 - 17:00	Session 10.2: Progress in FGS Control Introduction in Countries (parallel session)	Dr Pauline Mwinzi Dr Anouk Gouvras Dr Victoria Gamba Dr Abdoulaye MEITE (Cote d'Ivoire) Dr Joseph OPARE (Ghana)	Dr Elizabeth Juma	Dr Suleiman Aliyu Dr Pauline Mwinzi
16:00 - 17:00	Session 10.3a: VL active case finding: The Mobile Mentor Team Approach (parallel session) Session 10.3b: Operationalization of VL elimination - framework/VL elimination Theory of Change.	Dr Ivan Ankunda Mr Duncan Ochol, END Fund	Dr Abate Beshah	Dr Dhruv Pandey Dr Daniel Mwiti Dr Abate Beshah
17:00	Close of Day 2			

Day 3: Thursday 17th April 2025

Partnerships & Innovations - Pathway to Elimination

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8:30 - 10:30	Session 11: Strengthening NTD Elimination in the WHO African region through Innovation, Integration, and Investment (plenary) Experiences on integration of programmatic delivery (Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Rwanda, Senegal & Uganda) Country field experience on programmatic integration for the eradication of Dracunculiasis (Ethiopia)	National Programmes GLIDE	Dr Anouk Gouvras Ms Namuchile Kaonga	Dr N'DRI, N'goran Raphaël Ms Namuchile Kaonga Dr Pauline Mwinzi
10:30 - 11:00	Health Break/ Poster sessions	All	Organizers	
11:00 - 11:30	Session 12: LF M&E Updates (plenary)	Dr Jonathan King	Dr Didier Bakajika	Dr Renée NSAMBA NTUMBANNJI Dr Didier Bakajika
11:30 - 12:00	Session 13: SCH/STH M&E Updates (plenary)	Dr Denise Mupfasoni Dr Amadou Garba	Dr Pauline Mwinzi	Dr Pauline Mwinzi
12:00 - 12:30	Session 14: Use of serology for trachoma surveillance (plenary)	Dr Anthony Solomon	Dr Amir Kello	Dr Amir Kello
12:30 - 13:00	Session 15: Noma – from recognition to inclusion into the NTD sector (plenary) Progress update after the integration of noma into the WHO NTDs list Country experience on integrated approach for noma control	Dr Yuka Makino Dr Henock Keto	Dr Yuka Makino	Dr Yuka Makino
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break	All	Organizers	
14:00 - 16:00	Session 16: Partners' updates and remarks (plenary)	Partner representatives	Ms Santa-Mika Ndayiziga	Ms Jane Pita Ms Santa-Mika Ndayiziga
16:00 - 16:30	Wrap up and close of the meeting	WCO Togo Dr Elizabeth Juma Dr Dorothy Achu	Ms Santa-Mika Ndayiziga	Dr Winiga KOUDEMA Ms Santa-Mika Ndayiziga
16:30 - 17:00	Health Break	All	Organizers	
17:00	End of Day 3 & the meeting			