

Session 1: Opening plenary session: opening remarks from the UCN Director, NTD Stakeholders and Keynote address WHO NTD Director.

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Session 2: NTD Roadmap mid-term milestones

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Session 3: Reflections on Four Years of Peer-to-Peer Learning Site Visits by Kikundi

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Session 4: Current funding landscape for NTDs

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Session 5: Innovative Integrated Surveillance Tools: Enhancing Data for NTD Elimination

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Session 6: Harnessing AI & Data Analytics: Transforming NTD Management for Impact

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Session 7: Implementing Digital Payments to Health Workers involved in NTD campaigns

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Session 9.1: Cutting-Edge Diagnostics: exploring breakthroughs in diagnostic tools and methods: HAT & Buruli ulcer cases

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Session 9.2: Transformative Treatments: Showcasing innovative therapies and drug delivery systems (Leprosy contact tracing and chemoprophylaxis and Moxidectin)

- Leprosy/Hansen disease: contact tracing and post-exposure prophylaxis: technical guidance
- Interruption of transmission and elimination of leprosy disease – Technical guidance
- Leprosy Elimination Monitoring Tool: The LEMT
- Leprosy programme and transmission assessment
- Towards zero leprosy: global leprosy (Hansen's disease) strategy 2021–2030
- Data repository (Global Health Observatory)
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Session 9.3: Strengthening Last-Mile Supply Chains: lessons from Last-Mile Assessments & Enhancing Inventory Reporting

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Session 10.1: Partner sessions on Supply Chain Management: Supply Chain technical support mechanism in eight supported countries (MOH & WHO CO)

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Session 10.2: Progress in Female Genital Schistosomiasis Control Introduction in Countries

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Session 10.3a: VL active case finding: The Mobile Mentor Team Approach

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- Framework for the Integrated Control, Elimination and Eradication of Tropical and Vector-Borne Diseases in the African Region 2022–2030
- Framework for VL elimination in eastern Africa, 2023-2030:
<https://www.afro.who.int/publications/strategic-framework-elimination-visceral-leishmaniasis-public-health-problem-eastern>

Session 10.3b: Operationalization of VL elimination - framework/VL elimination Theory of Change

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Session 12: Lymphatic Filariasis M&E Updates (plenary)

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Session 13: SCH/STH M&E Updates (plenary)

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Session 14: Use of serology for trachoma surveillance (plenary)

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Session 15: Noma – from recognition to inclusion into the NTD sector (plenary)

- [Noma](#)
- [How Ada saved her younger brother's life from noma](#)
- [Ethiopia spreading awareness of noma among communities](#)
- [WHO Academy \(noma course\)](#)
- [A step-step guide to develop national action plans for Noma prevention and control in priority countries | WHO | Regional Office for Africa](#)
- [Information brochure for early detection and management of noma | WHO | Regional Office for Africa](#)
- [Prevalence, incidence, and reported global distribution of noma: a systematic literature review - The Lancet Infectious Diseases](#)

Session 16: Partners' updates and remarks (plenary)

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