

National Onchocerciasis Elimination Committee

Terms of Reference:

- Provide technical advice on Onchocerciasis elimination to the Honorable Federal Minister of Health
- Support the development of a national guideline and road map for Onchocerciasis elimination in Nigeria;
- Assess where and when breakpoint is reached and recommend to the Honourable Minister of Health localities where Ivermectin treatment can be safely stopped.
- Support preparation and submission of the country dossier for verification of Nigeria as having interrupted transmission of Onchocerciasis infection nationwide.

Membership of the Committee

- a. Prof. B. E. B. Nwoke (Entomologist/Parasitologist)- Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State - **Chairman**
- b. Prof. H.B. Mafuyai (Entomologist/Parasitologist) - University of Jos - **Member**
- c. Prof. Alambee Idyurogh (Social Scientist) - Federal University Lafia - **Member**
- d. Dr Ken Opara (Entomologist/Parasitologist) - University of Uyo, Akwa-Ibom State – **Member**.
- e. Dr. Uche Amazigo, Enugu- **Member**
- f. Dr. M. A. Mafe (Epidemiologist) - Nigeria Institute of Medical Research (NIMR), Lagos - **Member**
- g. Dr Frank Richards (TCC) - **Member**
- h. Prof Tom Unnasch (Scientist)-**Member**
- i. Director Public Health, Federal Ministry of Health - **Member**
- j. National Coordinator NTDs - **Member**
- k. National Coordinator (NOCP/LF) - **Member**
- l. Programme Manager (Onchocerciasis) - **Member**
- m. Programme Manager (Lymphatic Filariasis) - **Member**
- n. Representative of CDC - Dr Vitaliano Cama - **Member**
- o. Representative of WHO – **Member**
- p. Representative of T. Y. Danjuma Foundation, Abuja - **Member**
- q. Representative of MITOSATH, Jos - **Member**
- r. Representative of Sightsavers, Kaduna - **Member**
- s. Representative of CBM/HANDS, Jos - **Member**
- t. Representative of HKI, Abuja - **Member**
- u. Desk Officer (Entomology/Cytotaxonomy) – **Secretary**