

National onchocerciasis elimination committees (NOECs) serve to help ministries of health complete the pathway to successful verification of elimination of onchocerciasis, as outlined in the [2016 World Health Organization guidelines](#) for stopping mass drug administration and verifying elimination of human onchocerciasis.

List of current NOECs, meeting dates and NOEC chairs

Country	NOEC availability	NOEC meeting dates 2024	NOEC meeting dates 2025	NOEC meeting dates 2026	Name of NOEC chair
Angola	No				
Benin	Yes	25-26 Nov	25-26 Sept		Professor Achille MASSOUGBODJI
Brazil	TBC				
Burkina Faso	Yes	No meeting in 2024	No meeting in 2025		Professor Ousseini DIALLO
Burundi	Yes	No meeting in 2024	6-8 Oct		Dr Adrian HOPKINS
Cameroon	Yes	14-16 May	No meeting in 2025	Beginning 2026	Professor Albert SAME EKOBO
Central African Republic	No				
Chad	Yes	No meeting in 2024	TBC		Professor Boy OTCHOM BRAHIM
Congo	Yes	12-14 June	2-4 July		Dr Patrick BITSINDOU

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Côte d'Ivoire	Yes	9-11 July	No meeting in 2025		Professor Mamadou SAMBA
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Yes	27-29 Aug	No meeting in 2025		Dr Adrian HOPKINS
Equatorial Guinea	No				
Ethiopia	Yes	16-18 Jan	14-16 Jan	13-15 Jan	Professor Thomas UNNASCH
Gabon	No				
Ghana	Yes	11-13 Feb	2-5 April		Dr Yankum DADZIE
Guinea	Yes	27-29 Feb	24-26 Feb		Dr Bangoura OUSMANE
Guinea-Bissau	Yes	2-4 Dec	TBC		Professor Doutor ALADJE BALDE
Kenya	Yes	7-9 May	TBC		Dr David POUMO TCHOUASSI
Liberia	No				
Malawi	Yes	TBC	17-19 Feb		Dr Newton Isaac KUMWENDA
Mali	Yes	Dec	TBC		Professor Mamadou Souncalo TRAORE
Mozambique	Yes	11-13 March	12-14 Feb		Dr Quinhas FERNANDES
Niger	Yes	24/Feb	Feb		Dr Nouhou HASSAN
Nigeria	Yes	15-17 May. 10-12 Dec	14-15 May and 10-12 Dec		Professor Beb NWOKE

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Rwanda	Yes		29 Aug		Mr Ladislav NSHIMIYIMANA
Senegal	Yes	26-27 June	12-14 Aug		Professor Ousmane CISSE
Sierra Leone	Yes	04/Jun	10-12 Feb		Professor Moses BOCKARIE
South Sudan	Yes	18/Mar	TBC		Professor Charles MACKENZIE
Sudan	No				
Togo	Yes	TBC	19-21 March		Dr Etienne SIAMEVI KOMLA
Uganda	Yes	Aug	5-6 Aug		Prof Thomas UNNASCH
United Republic of Tanzania	Yes	7-8 Aug	November		Prof Rory POST
Venezuela	TBC		TBC		
Yemen	Yes		TBC		Prof Charles MACKENZIE