

STEERING GROUP MEMBERS

Chair: WHO

Vice-chairs 2025-2026:

- Dr Carol Karutu (Vice-president Programs, The END Fund)
- Dr Chukwuemeka Makata (National coordinator for onchocerciasis, Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria)

Immediate past Vice-chairs:

- Dr Paul Cantey, Chief, Parasitic Diseases Branch at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, USA
- Dr Clara Jones, Head of NTD program, Ministry of Health, United Republic of Tanzania

Representatives of national onchocerciasis programmes of endemic Member States:

- Ministry of Health, Brazil
- Ministry of Health, Cameroon
- Ministry of Health and Population, Central African Republic
- Ministry of Health, Mali
- Ministry of Public Health, Population and Social Affairs, Niger
- Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Nigeria
- Ministry of Health and Social Action, Senegal
- Ministry of Health, Sudan
- Ministry of Health, Uganda

Partners and key constituencies:

- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Coalition for Operational Research on NTDs/Task Force for Global Health
- Diagnostic Technical Advisory Group (DTAG) subgroup on onchocerciasis of WHO
- END Fund
- GLIDE
- Mectizan Donation Program
- Onchocerciasis NGOs for Elimination (ONE)
- Onchocerciasis Technical Advisory Subgroup (OTS) of WHO
- Sightsavers
- The Carter Center
- USAID

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