



Virtual launch of

‘Ending the neglect to attain the Sustainable Development Goals: a strategic framework for integrated control and management of skin-related neglected tropical diseases’

8 June 2022, 14:00–15:40 (CEST)

Concept note

The skin NTD approach is fully incorporated into the NTD road map for 2021–2030, which prioritizes integrated interventions and mainstreaming of NTD programmes within national health systems. The new skin NTD framework will be launched on 8 June 2022 at 14:00 CET.

Ending the neglect to attain the Sustainable Development Goals: a strategic framework for integrated control and management of skin-related neglected tropical diseases is a companion document to the road map that aims to assist countries endemic for NTDs that manifest mainly through the skin. The recognition that linking many of the NTDs with their site of initial presentation – the skin – provides a potential route for delivery of the road map through a process of integration in diagnosis, control and management.

Of the 20 diseases and disease groups listed in the NTD portfolio, more than half present with skin manifestations. Grouping the skin-related diseases will improve prospects for combining activities to detect and treat two or more diseases simultaneously. This can yield multiple benefits including optimal use of resources and staff, strengthening of disease surveillance, reduction in social stigma and discrimination, better awareness and measures to prevent them, particularly in rural areas, and promoting a general sense of mental well-being.

The skin NTD framework emphasizes a people-centred integrated approach to enable countries to tackle the morbidity, disability and psychosocial impact of skin NTDs and other skin conditions by identifying areas, key partners and resources. Countries in which skin NTDs are endemic will be encouraged to adapt the framework in order to plan and implement integrated strategies based on the local endemicity of these and other skin conditions.

An integrated approach to skin NTDs can also reduce transmission, delays in diagnosis and treatment to alleviate costs.

Webinar goals

WHO launched the NTD road map in January 2020. Companion documents have been developed to facilitate implementation of the road map. This webinar will focus on the skin NTD framework and how it will be used by different countries to achieve the road map’s 2030 targets.

Webinar format

This moderated webinar will follow an established format: in the pause between panels a selection of short videos and visuals will be shared to illustrate voices from the field, changes needed and opportunities to implement strategies for integrated control and management of skin NTDs.

Duration: 100 min

Delivery: Live, interactive panel discussion

Webinar panels

First panel: Overview of skin NTDs and their impact on populations

Second panel: Experiences on skin NTD integration at country level

Third panel: Partnership to support implementation

Proposed agenda

Time	Title	Overview	Speaker
14:00–14:05	Welcome	Opening and introductory remarks	
14:05–14:25	Panel One (3–5 min per speaker)	Overview of skin NTDs and their impact on populations	
short videos			
14:30–14:50	Panel Two (3–5 min per speaker)	Experiences on integration of skin NTDs at country level	
short videos			
14:55–15:20	Panel Three (3–5 min per speaker)	Partnership to support implementation	
15:20–15:35	Q&A	Live questions	
15:35–15:40	Closing remarks		