

Second WHO global meeting on skin-related neglected tropical diseases

24–26 March 2025

WHO headquarters

Geneva, Switzerland

Auditorium (Rooms Z1–Z4)

THEME:

“INTEGRATION TO ACHIEVE 2030 TARGETS”

AGENDA

To **participate online**, please complete the [Zoom registration](#)

Monday, 24 March 2025
Session 1: Morning
OPENING PRESENTATIONS
Chair: Claire Fuller

Time	Subject	Presenters
07:30–09:00	Registration, welcome coffee and Zoom login by online participants	All participants
09:00–09:20	Welcome remarks	Jérôme Salomon Assistant Director-General, WHO/UCN
	WHO Global NTD Programme – progress update	Ibrahima Socé Fall Director, WHO/NTD
09:20–09:35	NTDs and Primary Health Care	Shams Syed
09:35–09:45	Role of public–private partnerships and civil societies in promoting skin health for all	Henry Lim
09:45–09:55	WHO Academy: role in supporting capacity strengthening on NTDs and skin diseases	Bart Janssens*
09:55–10:05	Digital innovations including AI for skin diseases	José Antonio Ruiz Postigo
10:05–10:15	Discussion	All
10:15–10:30	Coffee break	
10:30–10:45	Keynote presentation: Skin diseases – past, current and future efforts	Roderick Hay
10:45–12:00	Skin NTD working groups	
	A brief overview of progress over past 2 years	1. Kingsley Asiedu
	1. Advocacy and communication	2. Anna Wickenden
	2. Basic research	3. Rachel Simmonds
	3. Capacity strengthening/training	4. Claire Fuller
	4. Diagnostics and laboratory support	5. Isra Cruz
	5. Drug development and access	6. Richard Philips
	6. Epidemiology and surveillance	7. Wim van Brakel
	7. Integration at country level	8. Rie Yotsu
	8. One Health in the context of skin NTDs	9. Sascha Knauf
	9. Operational research	10. Gail Davey
	10. Psychosocial aspects	11. Helen Price
	11. Skin health, wound care and rehabilitation	12. Michele Murdoch
	12. Transmission	13. Heather Jordan*
	13. WASH	14. Yael Velleman*
12:00–12:15	Group photograph	All
12:15–14:00	Lunch	*Online presenters

Monday, 24 March 2025 Session 2: Afternoon IMPLEMENTATION Chair: Daniel Argaw Dagne/Priya Pathak		
Time	Subject	Presenters
	10-minute presentation + 5-minute discussion each	
14:00–14:15	A personal journey of a noma survivor	Mulikat Okanlawon
	From recognition to action: positioning noma within the NTDs–update	Albis Gabrielli
14:15–14:30	The implementation of the road map for NTDs and the Skin-NTD framework through the lens of Anesvad Foundation: insights and main challenges	Iñigo Lasa Aitor Jiménez
14:30–14:45	Integrated skin NTD project: Addressing diagnosis, management, and surveillance in Papua New Guinea 2023–24	Abel Marome
14:45–15:00	Community-based active surveillance and diagnosis program for skin-related NTDs in rural areas from Paraguay	José Guillermo Pereira Brunelli
15:00–15:15	The Morges Strategy for yaws eradication: the first large-scale total community treatment with azithromycin against yaws in the Congo-Basin, using a novel model.	Earnest Njih Tabah
15:15–15:30	Evaluating health system integration of skin neglected tropical diseases in Liberia: Lessons for global implementation	Karsor Kolli
	WHO regional updates	
15:30–15:45	• Global Leprosy Programme	Vivek Lal*
15:45–16:00	• SEARO	Aya Yajima*
16:00–16:15	• EMRO	Mona Osman*
16:15–16:30	• WPRO	Kazim Sanikullah
16:30–16:45	• AFRO	Abate Beshah
16:45–17:00	• PAHO/AMRO	Ana Lucíañez
17:00–19:00	Side meetings	

*Online presenters.

Monday, 24 March 2025
SIDE MEETINGS
(17:00–19:00)

Time	Title	Organizer
17:00–19:00	WHO skin NTD working group on skin health, wound care and rehabilitation**	Hubert Vuagnat
	Skin patient support organizations as partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person meeting • Venue: Salle W1 	Jennifer Austin
	OCEAC meeting**	Alphonse Um Boock
	WHO Skin NTDs App and artificial intelligence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hybrid meeting • Venue: Auditorium • Zoom registration (same Zoom as the main meeting) 	José Antonio Ruiz Postigo

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Tuesday, 25 March 2025 Session 3: Morning IMPLEMENTATION Chair: Esther Freeman/Christian Johnson		
Time	Subject	Presenter
08:00–09:00	Welcome coffee and Zoom login by online participants	All participants
	10-minute presentation + 5-minute discussion each	
09:00–09:15	Improving diagnosis of skin neglected tropical diseases: results from an integrated, decentralized skin health intervention in Atwima Mponua district, Ghana	Richard Akuffo* Richard Phillips
09:15–09:30	Expanding dermatological access: A prospective study of a digital health tool (“eSkinHealth App”) for managing skin NTDs and other skin diseases in Côte d’Ivoire	Rie Yotsu
09:30–09:45	Exploring the accuracy and usability of the WHO skin NTD app power by AI in Kenya	Carne Carrion
09:45–10:00	The impact of teledermatology and direct microscopy on skin health in remote eastern Indonesia	Marlous Grijzen*
10:00–10:15	Integrated clinical and serological surveys for scabies and yaws in Vanuatu	Adam Bartlett*
10:15–10:30	Common skin diseases, another health concern in communities co-endemic for skin NTDs: results of integrated research into skin NTDs and other prevalent dermatoses in six districts in Côte d’Ivoire	Didier Yao Koffi
10:30–10:45	A novel geostatistical approach to estimate the burden of lymphatic filariasis clinical case estimates in endemic countries	Carrie Barrett
10:45–11:00	Crowdsourced image-based morbidity hotspot surveillance for neglected tropical diseases (CIMS-NTDs): Development and pilot of a new surveillance method for neglected tropical diseases	Uchechukwu Chukwuocha
11:00–11:15	Insights into the concept, methodology, and initial findings of the global healthcare study on psoriasis (GHSP)	Julia-Tatjana Maul
11:15–11:30	Finding the needle in the haystack: Best practices for early detection of leprosy in low epidemic areas from Shandong Province, China	Furen Zhang
11:30–11:45	Visualizing the elimination of leprosy using the new WHO surveillance tools	Wim van Brakel
11:45–12:00	Impact of azithromycin mass treatment strategy on incidence of yaws: experience of Republic of the Congo in 2024	Axel Aloumba
12:00–14:00	Lunch	
	Side meetings	

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(12:00–14:00)

Time	Title	Organizer
12:00–14:00	WHO skin NTD working group on One Health <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hybrid meeting• Venue: Salle W1• Zoom link – Password: 8Bx32#nb	Sascha Knauf
	WHO skin NTD working group on epidemiology and surveillance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-person meeting• Venue: Salle T	Wim van Brakel
	WHO skin NTD working group on psychosocial effects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-person meeting• Venue: Salle U1	Helen Price
	Beyond the surface: a workshop on skin NTDs advocacy and communication to galvanize resources and momentum <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hybrid meeting• Venue: Salle V• Zoom link – Password: pM8dFL\$H	Marianne Comparet

Tuesday, 25 March 2025

Session 4: Afternoon

RESEARCH

Chair: Gail Davey

Time	Subject	Presenters
	10-minute presentation + 5-minute discussion each	
14:00–14:15	Telacebec: a novel promising drug for improving the treatment of Buruli ulcer, leprosy and tuberculosis	Eugene Sun
14:15–14:30	A multicenter phase 2 trial of telacebec for adults with Buruli ulcer in Australia: the TREAT-BU trial.	Daniel O'Brien
14:30–14:45	Shortening Buruli ulcer treatment in West Africa: an update on the BLMs4BU trial	Roch Christian Johnson
14:45–15:00	Non-inferiority trial for Tungiasis Treatment in Kenya: dimeticone oils versus sodium carbonate solution	Kana Suzuki*
15:00–15:15	Genetic Variability in the qcrB Gene of <i>Mycobacterium ulcerans</i> and <i>Mycobacterium leprae</i> : Implications for Telacebec Resistance Monitoring	Sofie Braet Bouke de Jong
15:15–15:30	Dapsone hypersensitivity syndrome in leprosy – approach to diagnosis and prevention	Yonghu Sun
15:30–15:45	A rapid molecular identification scheme to identify the most common causative agents of mycetoma to the species level	Wendy van de Sande
15:45–16:00	Comparing qPCR Detection of <i>Mycobacterium leprae</i> in Human and Armadillo Samples	Charlotte Avanzi
16:00–16:15	The impact of climate change on neglected tropical diseases of the skin	Eva Parker
16:15–16:30	Canonical fact versus hypothesis testing to decipher transmission of cutaneous and non-cutaneous mycobacterial diseases: a comparative perspective	Jean-François Guégan*
16:30–16:45	Mosquitoes transmit Buruli ulcer in Victoria, Australia	Paul Johnson
16:45–17:00	Environmental pressures driving the distribution of <i>Mycobacterium ulcerans</i> (Buruli ulcer) and <i>Mycobacterium leprae</i> (leprosy): A disease ecology approach	Alisa Aliaga Samanez*

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(17:00–19:00)

Time	Title	Organizer
17:00–19:00	Telacebec in Buruli ulcer and leprosy**	Ymkje Stienstra Eugene Sun
	Skin health policy in Côte d’Ivoire: One Health perspective**	Bassirou Bonfoh
	How to join efforts in the fight against noma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person meeting • Salle W1 	Valérie Elsig
	Achieving a WHA resolution on all skin diseases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person meeting • Salle V 	Visnja Zaborski Breton

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Wednesday, 26 March 2025 Session 5: Morning IMPLEMENTATION Chair: Michele Murdoch/Getnet Tadele		
Time	Subject	Presenters
08:00–09:00	Welcome coffee and Zoom login by online participants	
	10-minute presentation + 5-minute discussion each	
09:00–09:15	Wound and ulcer care services provided by primary health facilities in low-resource-settings: an informal scoping survey	Cristina Galván-Casas
09:15–09:30	Socio-economic impact of the community-based wound management model in the HDSS of Taabo, Côte d'Ivoire	Bognan Valentin Koné
09:30–09:45	A dream come true? The efficacy of treating Buruli ulcer, cutaneous leishmaniasis, leprosy and scabies with oxygen-ozone therapy	Antonella Bertolotti Tatiana Pedrazzi Luca Papetti
09:45–10:00	Integrating skin NTDs into primary health care units: The Ethiopian experience	Merga Akuma
10:00–10:15	Feasibility and potential of artificial intelligence-based mobile health screening tools for enhancing the detection of leprosy and other neglected tropical skin diseases at the community level in Senegal (West Africa)	Dominik Jockers
10:15–10:30	Improving access to skin health for refugees and displaced populations via a technology-integrated healthcare program model	Valeska Padovese
10:30–10:45	Transforming skin-NTD control in India: Lessons from the initial phase of the ASPIRE Pilot Study in Jamui district, India	Guillermo Robert
10:45–11:00	Inequities and factors associated with gender and disability in NTD-endemic communities in Benin and Côte d'Ivoire: An intersectional approach to interventions	Esaï Anagonou
11:00–11:15	Surgical management and long-term outcomes of noma sequelae: The Geneva experience	Ilias Petrou
11:15–11:30	Rehabilitation of noma sequelae in Africa: challenges and future prospects	Lauréna Rollet*
11:30–11:45	Women's access to and participation in a disease management intervention for pododermatitis in Rwanda: Challenges and recommendations	Corinna Thellmann
11:45–12:00	Discussion	All
12:00–14:00	Lunch	

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Session 6: Afternoon

RESEARCH

Chair: Richard Phillips

Time	Subject	Presenters
14:00–14:15	BAXERNA: next-generation mRNA vaccines for bacterial pathogens	Kia Ferrell
14:15–14:30	A multi-center collaboration analyzing the scabies associated microbiota demonstrates a decrease in diversity and a shift to opportunistic pathogenic bacteria	Katja Fischer
14:30–14:45	Can cutaneous leishmaniasis provoke a resurgence of kala-azar in the Indian subcontinent?	Tanyth de Gooyer
14:45–15:00	Bacterial clearance in Buruli ulcer lesions from patients in the BLMS4BU study	Emma Sáez-López
15:00–15:15	Discussion	
15:15–15:30	Coffee break	
15:30–16:30	Conclusions and closure	ADG/UCN Director/NTD Roderick Hay