

One Health: Approach for action against neglected tropical diseases 2021-2030 – launch webinar

14:00 -15:30 CET - 16 March 2022

1. Introduction

Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) affect over one billion people globally and have a disproportionate impact on marginalised and disadvantaged communities. Addressing the burden of NTDs is therefore critical to support global progress and unlock a ‘better and more sustainable future for all’.

One Health approaches are key to sustainably prevent NTDs, because they recognise the links between human, animal and environmental health; and take a ‘whole of system’ approach to action.

This companion document to *Ending the neglect to attain the Sustainable Development Goals: a road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021-2030* ("the road map") aims to support a range of stakeholders - including countries in which NTDs are endemic, international organizations and non-State actors - to achieve the road map targets through a transdisciplinary, cross-cutting One Health approach.

Specifically, it provides guidance on the One Health actions needed by major stakeholders and how to support a paradigm shift towards One Health in national NTD programmes. Examples of common One Health challenges and how they can be overcome as well as illustrative cases studies are provided throughout. The companion document was developed through a global consultative process involving stakeholder interviews, interactive workshops, and online public consultation.

This webinar will introduce the document and unpack its guidance through practical examples from the field; and promote awareness and discussion of the guidance and how it can be applied.

2. Objectives and Expected outcomes

2.1. General objective

To launch the companion document to the road map (*One Health: Approach for action against neglected tropical diseases 2021-2030*) and build awareness and momentum for key actions needed by stakeholders to address NTDs through a cross-cutting One Health approach.

2.2. Specific objectives

- Introduce the concept of One Health, as relevant to NTDs
- Introduce the new document ‘*One Health: Approach for action against NTDs 2021-2030*’
- Highlight and promote key actions need by stakeholders to address NTDs using a One Health approach through practical examples and facilitated discussion

3. Proposed Participants

The proposed participants are key stakeholders involved in addressing NTDs.

- Country NTD focal points and programme managers (Ministry of Health)
- International organizations NTD focal points (WHO, FAO, OIE, UNEP, World Bank, UNICEF)
- Non-State actor stakeholders (NGOs, industry, academia)

4. Dates and place

- 16 March 2022
- Duration: 75 minutes
- Times: 14:00 – 15:15 CET

5. Language

English, with simultaneous interpretation in French, Spanish and Russian