

Draft Decisions on Neglected tropical diseases: roadmap 2021—2030 and its implications proposed by the Africa Region Member States

<p><i>Full text of the proposal</i></p>	<p>The Seventy-third World Health Assembly, having considered the report on neglected tropical diseases and recalling resolution WHA66.12 (2013) on neglected tropical diseases, and WHO’s road map for accelerating work to overcome the global impact of neglected tropical diseases (2012–2020), and Member States’ commitment to target 3.3 of Sustainable Development Goal 3, decided:</p> <p>(1) to endorse the new road map for Neglected Tropical Diseases 2021–2030, “Ending the neglect to attain the Sustainable Development Goals A road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030”,</p> <p>(2) to request the Director-General to:</p> <p>(a) to continue to monitor progress of the roadmap and to report bi-annually, through the Executive Board, to the World Health Assembly starting at the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, as a substantive agenda item on the implementation of Neglected Tropical Diseases 2021–2030,</p>
<p><i>Date of submission</i></p>	<p>10 June 2020</p>
<p><i>Agenda item 11.8 for the 73 WHA</i></p>	<p>EB 146 Agenda Item 13 on Neglected Tropical Diseases.</p>
<p><i>Information on informal consultations</i></p>	<p>The 146th session of WHO’s Executive Board meeting on the 6 February 2020, requested the Director-General to develop, in consultations with Member States and stakeholders, the new road map for neglected tropical diseases for the period 2021–2030 through decision with document number EB146(9).</p>

	<p>Following this decision, a draft roadmap document which had initially been developed as a result of earlier consultations was uploaded to the WHO website on the 22 February 2020. It followed months of consultations and input from Member States, stakeholders, agencies of the United Nations system, scientific and research groups, non-governmental organizations, implementing partners, donors, private sector organizations and individual experts. It was also reviewed by WHO's Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on neglected tropical diseases.</p> <p>On the 9 March 2020, WHO held an informal consultation with member states at its headquarters in Geneva. Following additional comments made during the meeting and subsequently comments sent via email by Members States and stakeholders to the secretariat, the earlier draft roadmap was further modified and posted to the WHO website on the 9 April 2020 for consideration by the Seventy-third World Health Assembly (WHA) in May 2020.</p>
<p><i>Rationale for its adoption without discussion at WHA</i></p>	<p>Given that the current NTD roadmap ends on December 2020 and member states will need to start preparing their national plans in line with the new roadmap on NTD, it is important that the roadmap is endorsed to allow adequate time for preparation of National Implementation Plans on NTDs. Additionally, the new roadmap, will also allow countries to align their national priorities on NTD with the UN's Sustainable Developmental Goals, of elimination of the epidemic NTDs by 2030.</p>