

**THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HEALTH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, GENDER,**  
**ELDERLY AND CHILDREN**



Neglected Tropical Diseases

**Agenda item 11.8**

1. **Chairperson**, The United Republic of Tanzania align with the statement by Burkina Faso on behalf of the Africa Region. We further welcome the Road Map 2021-2030, built on lessons learnt and aim also to ensure gains attained in the previous road map are sustained.
2. **Chairperson**, this new roadmap is key to the Africa continent and, as this region bears a reasonable proportion of burden of NTD. It is estimated that 40% of impacted people live in Africa, with an estimated 51 per cent of the population in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) living on less than US \$1.25 per day. SSA, where also Tanzania is situated, represents the world's largest concentration of poverty and NTDs.
3. We recognize that there has been progress through the just ended roadmap, but also clearly there is a need of a new approach and new direction.
4. We have thus high expectations on this road map especially on the integrated approach and we hope that this approach will assist the Africa Region to achieve these health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
5. We request the Secretariat to continue providing technical assistance to member states in the implementation of this new road
6. **Chairperson**, we want also to thank all the Member States who have supported us from the time we tabled the decision for this new roadmap until now and also for agreeing into co-sponsoring this decision.
7. Lastly, we support the decision to endorse the new roadmap for Neglected Tropical diseases 2021 – 2030.
8. I Thank you.