

Press release

Transition and preparations for the launch of the new structure debated

From 25 to 27 June 2014, the Committee of Sponsoring Agencies (CSA) of the African Programme for Onchocerciasis Control (APOC) will meet in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso within the framework of its 146th session. The members of this statutory body of the Programme representing donors, NGDOs, WHO headquarters and other partners of Onchocerciasis control will address the role of APOC during the transition period in the elimination of Onchocerciasis and Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) as well as the support to other Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs). The meeting will also be about the preparations for the launch of the new Programme in 2016, as approved by the Joint Action Forum (JAF) in December 2013 in Brazzaville.

The CSA is the APOC body that supervises its activities. It organizes medium and long-term planning, evaluations, and makes intermediate decisions on behalf of the supreme body that is JAF. It follows up the financial situation and reviews documents prepared for JAF. It meets at least four times a year.

This CSA session, just like other sessions to come during the period of transition (2014 – 2015), was expanded to representatives of countries by sub-region.

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