

SCHISTOSOMIASIS AND STH WEEK IN CAMEROON

Achievements and Vision beyond 2020

Date: 10 - 14 June 2019

Venue: Yaoundé, Cameroon



Overview

Following the **TES Conference 2017** (the first conference on Schistosomiasis organized in Cameroon, entitled "Towards Elimination of Schistosomiasis: a paradigm shift"), the "**Schistosomiasis and STH Week**" is a special event organized to celebrate the achievements of schistosomiasis and soil-transmitted helminthiasis (STH) control and research (CouNTDown project and others) in Cameroon. It's an opportunity to pave the way towards the elimination of these neglected tropical diseases.

This premier gathering in Cameroon for all stakeholders working to overcome the impact of schistosomiasis and STH will bring together health and educational personnel, scientists, experts, donors, policy makers, non-governmental development organizations and community members to discuss progress, challenges and strategies to move towards the elimination of schistosomiasis and STH in Cameroon.

Objective

The main objective of the "**Schistosomiasis and STH Week**" is to provide a platform for the dissemination and discussion of control achievements and research findings, upon consideration of the exciting paradigm shift towards the elimination of these diseases.

Key Outcomes

The key outcomes of the "**Schistosomiasis and STH Week**" includes the presentation and launch of 4 reference documents for the control of SCH and STH in Cameroon, namely:

- The Atlas of SCH transmission
- The Atlas of STH transmission
- The Progress Report 2003-2018
- The SCH/STH Strategic Plan 2020-2030

Participants

Participants for the "**Schistosomiasis and STH Week**" include key stakeholders involved in the control/elimination of SCH and STH in Cameroon.

Main Activities

The "**Schistosomiasis and STH Week**" will have a broad agenda that includes several activities and events appealing to the diversity of stakeholders involved in schistosomiasis and STH research, control and elimination. The one week events/activities will include:

- A **Scientific Conference** where the main results and data of research and control of SCH and STH will be presented and discussed.
- A **Training Workshop for Journalists** to increase their knowledge on SCH and STH transmission, control and elimination.
- An **Open day** including the discovery of parasites, and a visit of the WHO Centre for Documentation and Information.
- **Creative Outreaches** with innovative media around SCH and STH.
- The holding of the **9th Statutory Meeting of the National Committee for the Control of Schistosomiasis and Intestinal Helminthiasis in Cameroon**.
- A **Press Conference** where the main outcome of the events will be presented to media in order to raise the public awareness.

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