Shadow actors: they are the keystones of the session

Certainly, there is a team in charge of organizing JAF 18, quite visible as a nose in front of the face, a team everybody saw and appreciated. But there is also a hidden staff, very efficient. For the first time, the newspaper will enlighten their active shadows.

17. Current research within APOC and TDR collaboration
- Presentation 08:30-08:40
- Discussions 08:40-08:55
- Conclusions and decisions on the agenda items 17 08:55-09:05

18. Audit report 09:05-09:15

19. NGDOs overheads 09:15-09:30

20. Revised PAB for the transitional period 2013, 2014 and 2015 09:30-09:50

21. Financing of the African Programme for Onchocerciasis Control 09:50-10:10
(i) Report of the Fiscal Agent (the World Bank) 09:50-10:10
(ii) Statement by Donors 10:10-10:25
- Conclusions and decisions on agenda items 18, 19, 20 and 21
- Tea break 10:25-10:35
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Final communiqué and closure
- 23. Date and place of the nineteenth session 11:00-11:10
- 24. Final Communiqué 11:10-12:30

Final communiqué and closure (Cont’d)
- 25. Closure of the eighteenth session 17:00-17:30
- 26. Cloture of the eighteenth session 17:00-17:30

As scheduled on the day 2 agenda, a special session was dedicated to the budget issues. Presented by Dr Paul-Samson Lusamba-Dikassa, Director of APOC, the concept note showed the orientation to follow in a context of changing paradigm. On his part, Mr Aghelowonu Koffi, APOC budget and Finance Officer, rolled out a 125 million USD strategic plan for the 2016-2025 period.

It is a two phases five years term budget that was examined in closed doors by donors, NGDOs and countries. It is 2025 horizon precious sesame was approved by JAF 18, just as the action plan and the transitional budget conceived with the aim to pass from control to elimination for the period 2013 – 2015. For 2013, the transitional plan will be adjusted for 6,6 million USD and the 2014-2015 biennium action plan is around 51 millions USD.
Defeating onchocerciasis and other NTD: a realistic achievable goal

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The participants keenly following a presentation. As other topics of the forum, it was aimed at enlightening the audience on the efforts and results achieved in the fight against onchocerciasis and neglected tropical diseases.

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Though, following different goals through various methods, the NGDOs were very active since 1992, before the WHO decided to gather seven of those already implicated in blindness prevention. Thus was born the NGDOs Group which counts today fourteen statutory members and three associated members.

In 2011, NGDOs contributed to the treatment of more than 90 million people in various programs among which 80 million for APOC and the remaining shared with ex-OCF, OEP and Yem. In 2011, over eight million USD were invested in the fight against onchocerciasis and NTD, namely lymphatic lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, trachoma and geohelminth.

At JAF 18, the NGDOs reiterated their commitment to assist APOC in its effort to eliminate onchocerciasis.