



**Consultation on Yaws Elimination  
5–7 March 2012  
Romantik Hôtel Mont-Blanc du Lac, Morges, Switzerland**

**Provisional agenda**

**Objectives:**

1. To review the epidemiological situation on yaws in different regions and identify gaps;
2. To analyse the implications of the Lancet publication on azithromycin in yaws elimination efforts;
3. To develop the criteria and process for yaws elimination;
4. To explore collaboration relevant programmes and network;
5. To identify potential donors and partners to support yaws elimination.

<b>Day 1</b>		
<b>Chair: David Mabey</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	
09:00 – 10:30	Opening remarks	Lorenzo Savioli Jean Jannin
	Self-introduction of participants	
	Adoption of the agenda	
	Background, objectives and expected outcomes	Kingsley Asiedu
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11:00 – 12:00	Yaws situation in South-East Asia, Western Pacific and Africa (15 minutes each + 15 minutes discussions)	SEARO, WPRO, AFRO
12:00 – 13:00	Yaws situation in Ghana, Indonesia, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands (10 minutes each + 5 minutes discussions)	National focal points
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
14:00 – 15:30	Yaws situation in Cameroon, Central African Republic and Congo (10 minutes each +5 minutes discussions)	National focal points
	Azithromycin study in Lihir, Papua New Guinea and plans for elimination on the island (20 minutes + 10 mins discussion)	Oriol Mitja
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
16:00 – 17:00	Azithromycin study in Ghana – progress report (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussion)	Cynthia Kwakye

<b>Day 2</b>		
<b>Chair: Eva Christophel</b>		
09:00 – 10:30	Serological tests in support of yaws elimination efforts (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)	Yaw Adu-Sarkodie
	Yaws elimination in India: process from elimination to eradication (20 minutes + 10 minutes discussions)	TBA
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:00 – 12:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Definitions of terms <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Elimination</li> <li>b. Eradication</li> <li>c. Treatment failure</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Mass treatment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Historical policy and proposal for a new policy</li> <li>b. Coverage</li> <li>c. Frequency</li> <li>d. When to stop mass treatment</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Criteria and process for confirming elimination <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Clinical</li> <li>b. Serological</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Andre Meheus
12:00–12:30	Azithromycin and potential partnership with Pfizer	Charles Knirsch
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Discussions on implementation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identification of endemic foci</li> <li>2. Regular mass-treatment of affected populations</li> <li>3. Post mass treatment impact assessment surveys</li> <li>4. Drug safety and resistance monitoring</li> <li>5. Training and IEC</li> <li>6. Data collection system and reporting</li> <li>7. Operational research</li> <li>8. Co-implementation with other NTDs MDAs</li> </ol>	All
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
16:00 – 17:00	Discussions on implementation (continued)	

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<b>Day 3</b> <b>Chair: Yaw Adu-Sarkodie</b>		
09:00 – 10:30	Logistics 1. Azithromycin 2. Serological tests 3. IEC and training documents 4. Transport	All
	Areas of collaboration with other programmes/network 1. Trachoma 2. Sexually transmitted diseases 3. Neglected tropical diseases	Silvio Mariotti TBA TBA
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:00 – 12:00	Potential donors and partners for yaws elimination 1. Global 2. Regional 3. Country	All
<b>12:00–13:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	
13:00–15:00	Conclusions, recommendations and next steps Closure	