

Swiss TPH Symposium

Defining the Noma Research Agenda

Swiss TPH, Kreuzstrasse 2, 4123 Allschwil, Switzerland

PROGRAMME

20 September 2024

9:30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

Welcome and Plenary

Moderator: Marianne Comparet, Director, International Society for Neglected Tropical Diseases

- 10:00 Welcome and Setting the Stage**, *Jürg Utzinger, Director, and Anaïs Galli, Scientific Collaborator, Swiss TPH*
- 10:15 **The Role of Swiss Development Cooperation in Tackling NTDs**, *Erika Placella, Head of the Global Programme Health, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation*
- 10:30 **Two Decades of Noma Research and Where do We Stand Today**, *Denise Baratti-Mayer, Associate Physician, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery, University Hospital of Geneva*
- 10:50 **The Skin NTD Strategy of the WHO**, *Daniel Argaw Dagne, Unit Head, Prevention, Treatment and Care, Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases, World Health Organization*
- 11:05 **Panel: Survivors' Perspectives**, *Mulikat Okanlawon, President and Co-Founder, and Vava Muendane, Member, Elysium Noma Survivors Association; Marta Ribes, Predoctoral Fellow, Barcelona Institute for Global Health; Maria Guevara, International Medical Secretary, Médecins Sans Frontières; Claire Jeantet, Filmmaker, Inediz / Consultant, Elysium Noma Survivors Association*
- 11:50 **Introduction to Designing an NTD Research Agenda**, *Peter Steinmann, Unit Head, Diseases and Programmes, Swiss TPH*
- 12:00 Lunch Break (60 minutes)**

What's Needed for Designing the Noma Research Agenda?

13:00 Break-Out Groups – Brainstorming and Drafting the Agenda

- G1: Insights into Noma for Newcomers**, *Mark Sherlock, Health Programmes Manager, Médecins Sans Frontières*
- G2: Noma Surveillance and Prevention**, *Manuel Hetzel, Unit Head, Health Interventions, Swiss TPH*
- G3: Physical and Mental Well-being of People Affected by Noma**, *Emmanuel Kapengele Mpinga, Head of Division of Health and Human Rights, Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva*
- G4: Noma Stages and Re-constructive Surgery**, *Denise Baratti-Mayer*
- G5: Microbiological and Therapeutic Aspects of Noma**, *Philippe Guérin, Director, Infectious Diseases Data Observatory, University of Oxford*

14:45 Coffee Break (30 minutes)

What's Next? Research, Implementation and Policy

Moderator: Peter Steinmann

- 15:15 **The Way Forward: Brainstorming Outcomes and Discussion**
- 16:30 **The Big Picture**, *Thi Hanh Cao, External Relations Director, Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative*
- 16:45 Closing Words** *Jürg Utzinger*
- 17:00 End of Event**

