



Welcome



**Second International workshop on
Onchocerciasis-Associated Epilepsy**





19.09.23 – 21.09.23

Register on



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Special sessions on: Entomology, Onchocerciasis treatment, Epilepsy treatment, Diagnostics and Burden of disease.

 Universiteit Antwerpen  DZIF  INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL MEDICINE ANTWERP  World Health Organization



First International workshop on onchocerciasis-associated epilepsy *12 – 14 October 2017, Antwerp*



Reasons for the 2017 Workshop

Convince Scientific community/policy makers

- OAE exists
- OAE is an important public health problem

Needs

- OAE policy and interventions
- Advocacy, funding
- OAE alliance

OAE time for action



Reasons for the 2023 OAE workshop

- What has been achieved? (*Available output*)
- What still needs to be done? (*Priorities*)
- How to do it? (*Strategies*)

Participants (Hybrid workshop)

Numbers: F2F: 32 Online: 110

Number of countries: >20 (10 from Africa)

Expertise: Onchocerciasis experts, neurologist, epidemiologist, modellers, NTD program managers, biomedical researchers, parasitologists, entomologists, public health and social scientists, ...

Organisations: WHO, and other international organisations, Universities, CDC, NGOs, MoH, funders, industry

Local organisational committee



Programme

Tuesday, morning:

Epilepsy and onchocerciasis: an update

Tuesday, afternoon:

Parallel session 1: DZIF session on Development of new treatments for filarial infections

Parallel session 2: Thesis defence

PhD Defence Tom Lakwo: Role of entomology in Onchocerciasis elimination

PhD Defence Dan Bhwana: OAE in Mahenge Tanzania



Programme

Wednesday, all day: Brainstorming / groupwork sessions

- OAE diagnosis and management
- Onchocerciasis burden of disease
- Future research directions

Thursday:

- Possibility for extra presentations, questions and answers
- Further networking and writing workshop report

Housekeeping messages

For those attending F2F

- If also online – Mute microphone + Volume OFF
- Avoid side conversation
- Mobile phones in silent mode

For those attending online

- Write your questions and comments in the chat box
- Raise your hand if you want to speak
- Stay muted, unless you are asked to speak
- Camera on (if possible) when you speak

NB: All sessions will be recorded

Sorry the workshop venue is located far from the centre of the Town



Grote Markt square