

Terms of Reference: *One Health* Cross Cutting Group



1. Background

NTDs are a group of treatable and preventable diseases that continue to affect over one billion of the world's most impoverished, marginalized people living in remote communities. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) play a key role in the fight against these diseases. The NTD NGO Network (NNN) is a global forum for NGOs to contribute to the global control, elimination, and management of consequences of NTDs outlined within the internationally agreed World Health Organisation (WHO) NTD Roadmap.

Our vision is a world free of NTDs.

Our purpose is to enhance the contribution of NGOs towards that vision.

Our objectives to achieve our vision and purpose are:

1. To be the unified NGO voice on common issues to achieve our NTD goals.
2. To enhance our community of practice through membership engagement, learning and sharing knowledge.

Our values of participation, legitimacy, creativity and independence guide our NNN community in achieving these objectives. Our Membership is open to any NGO or academic institution¹ that is engaged in the fight against NTDs. Other organisations are welcome to join our work as active observers.

1. Purpose of the One Health Cross cutting group

One Health is defined by the World Health Organisation as “an approach to designing and implementing programmes, policies, legislation and research in which multiple sectors communicate and work together to achieve better public health outcomes. The areas of work in which a One Health approach is particularly relevant include food safety, the control of zoonoses, and combatting antibiotic resistance.”

With almost 50% of all diseases defined by the WHO as NTDs having a zoonotic component to their lifecycle a One Health approach is crucial to achieving the WHO NTD Road map targets.

This Cross-Cutting Group comprises of NNN members with an interest in zoonotic NTDs (zNTDs) and synergies that can be achieved by the human and veterinary public health (VPH) sectors working more closely together in the fight against NTDs.

The key objectives are:

¹ Based on the principle that most academic and research institutions are registered NGOs – they are welcome to become members based on the understanding of this principle

- To define best practice for public and veterinary public health programmes working synergistically together and collate a series of case studies that would document existing best practice
- To agree a policy agenda based on programme best practice
- To increase the number of VPH focused NGOs that are members of NNN

2. Membership of the Cross-Cutting Group

- The group will be proactive in recruiting members and observers with an interest in VPH and zNTDs
- Members need to submit their names to the Chair. The Cross-Cutting Group will maintain an up to date mailing list.

3. Elections / Appointments

- The Chair is elected by the Cross-Cutting Group and will serve a two-year term one as Chair and one as immediate past Chair
- The Deputy Chair is elected by the Cross-Cutting Group and will serve a two-year one as Deputy Chair and one year as Chair.

4. Meetings

Meetings will be held periodically and most likely electronically. The time and date will be set provisionally at the beginning of the year and then confirmed at the meeting before. Minutes will be sent electronically, and meetings will be recorded where possible to maximise the transparency and inclusion for those members who are unable to attend.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

Applicable to all

- All members of the Cross-Cutting Group should adhere to the values of the NNN in all their efforts and decision making
- All members should actively contribute to the Cross-Cutting Group and attend the regular meetings
- All positions are voluntary and non-remunerated

The Chair

- The Chair sits on the NNN ExCo and will act as the liaison between the wider NNN community and this Cross-Cutting Group
- The Chair chairs the Cross-Cutting group meetings and oversees its annual plans
- The Chair reports back to the members at the NNN Annual Conference

The Deputy Chair

- The Deputy Chair will stand in for the Chair when necessary
- The Deputy Chair supports Chair to run the Cross-Cutting group meetings and oversees its annual plans to become familiar with the role for the following year and ensure a smooth transition.

Supporting NNN members:

1.Organisation Global Alliance for Rabies Control _____

Organisational Representative:

Name _____ Sarah Jayme _____

Signature _____ electronic _____

Date _____ 11/02/19 _____

2.Organisation Veterinaires sans Frontieres Germany _____

Organisational Representative:

Name _____ Antionia Braus _____

Signature _____ electronic _____

Date _____ 13/01.19 _____

3.Organisation University of Paris-Est Creteil _____

Organisational Representative:

Name _____ Charlott Bernigaud _____

Signature _____ electronic _____

Date _____ 14/02/19 _____

4.Organisation Schistosomiasis Control Initiative _____

Organisational Representative:

Name _____ Yael Velleman _____

Signature _____ electronic _____

Date _____ 20/04/19 _____

5.Organisation _____ Royal Veterinary College _____

Organisational Representative:

Name _____ Wendy Harrison _____

Signature _____ electronic _____

Date _____ 20/04/19 _____