National Onchocerciasis Elimination Committee

Terms of Reference:

• Provide technical advice on Onchocerciasis elimination to the Honorable Federal Minister of Health
• Support the development of a national guideline and road map for Onchocerciasis elimination in Nigeria;
• Assess where and when breakpoint is reached and recommend to the Honourable Minister of Health localities where Ivermectin treatment can be safely stopped.
• Support preparation and submission of the country dossier for verification of Nigeria as having interrupted transmission of Onchocerciasis infection nationwide.

Membership of the Committee

a. Prof. B. E. B. Nwoke (Entomologist/Parasitologist) - Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State - Chairman
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