



CARTER CENTER EXPERT PARTICIPATION IN THE TASK FORCE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP: DEFEATING ONCHOCERCIASIS

Monday, Feb. 1, 2021

9 a.m.-2 p.m. (EST)

- **Registration for participation is open to the public.** <http://taskforce.org/power-of-partnership>
- **Event Agenda:** https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_EZyjYR8t4gzdCQsAsCP6WO9J5tpLABi/view

The virtual event is an exploration of the factors that bred the success of onchocerciasis elimination and will feature panel discussions by experts who contributed to the success of onchocerciasis elimination. Panelists will share the long history of the onchocerciasis elimination effort, including the diverse, steadfast partnerships that made it possible, as well as lessons learned and best practices to achieve elimination of the disease over the near future.

Dr. Don Hopkins (Carter Center Special Advisor for Guinea Worm Eradication and former Vice President -Health) will provide Keynote remarks on the role of partnership in the onchocerciasis control story with a focus on NGO and Country Partnership Perspectives.

Dr. Frank Richards (Carter Center Senior Advisor, River Blindness, Lymphatic Filariasis and Schistosomiasis Programs) will present on operational research as a part of innovative methods and tools that empower lasting innovations and connections.

Dr. Mauricio Sauerbrey (Director of The Carter Center's Onchocerciasis Elimination Program for the Americas - OEPA) will participate in a panel: Implications of Lessons Learned for Onchocerciasis Elimination, a call to action for intercountry collaboration