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MINI-FORUM : “Schistosomiasis: A Neglected ‘Tropical’ Disease”

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of sciences

Paris, 6-7 October 2026

Provisional programme (July 2026)

Tuesday 6 October

Mini-forum – Day 1 | Fondation Simone et Cino Del Duca - [10 Rue Alfred de Vigny, 75008 Paris](#) |
Grand salon

8h30 Welcome coffee | Grande Halle

9h00 **Opening**
Françoise Combes, *President of the Académie des sciences*,
Michel Delseny, *Vice-President of the COPED*,
Jérôme Boissier, *Professor Université de Perpignan Via Domitia*

9h20 *The changing landscape of schistosomiasis: navigating the complexities of control and elimination* – David Rollinson, *Director of The Global Schistosomiasis Alliance*

Session 1 – Non-biomedical aspects: community involvement, governance, control programs

9h40 [Title TBD] - Amadou Garba, Université Abdou Moumouni de Niamey
9h55 Q&A

10h00 *An overview on current schistosomiasis control in Brazil* – Silvana Thiengo, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation

10h15 Q&A

10h20 Coffee break | Grande Halle

10h50 *From Knowledge to action: Strengthening Schistosomiasis Control through Risks communication and Community Engagement in Matta Barrage, West Region, Cameroon* - Félicité Djuikwo-Teukeng, Université des Montagnes

11h05 Q&A session

11h10 *Conference* – speaker TBD



11h25	Q&A session
11h30	Open discussion on session 1
12h10	Lunch break Salon Cordoue
	Session 2 - Eco-epidemiology
14h00	[Tittle TBD] -
14h15	
14h20	[Tittle TBD] - Louis Albert Tchuem-Tchuente, <i>University of Yaoundé I</i>
14h35	Q&A session
14h40	<i>Schistosomes and Related Trematode Infections in Humans, Livestock, and Snails in Northwestern Tanzania</i> - Teckla Angelo, Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology
14h55	Q&A session
15h00	[Tittle TBD] - Amaya Bustinduy, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
15h15	Q&A session
15h30	Coffee break Grande Halle
16h00	<i>Schistosomiasis research in Cubal, Angola: Prevalence, morbidity, and molecular insights</i> - Alejandra de Elias Escribano, University of Valencia
16h15	Q&A session
16h20	Conference – speaker TBD
16h35	Q&A session
16h40	Open discussion on session 2
17h20	Delegation departs to the Institut de France for a visit of the Palace Institut de France – 23 Quai de Conti, 75006 Paris
19h00	Cocktail Salons de la cour d'honneur
20h00	End day 1



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Wednesday 7 October

Mini-forum – Day 2 | Fondation Simone et Cino Del Duca - [10 Rue Alfred de Vigny, 75008 Paris](#) | Grand salon

8h30	Welcome coffee Grande Halle
	Session 3 - Health-Control: diagnosis, vaccines, treatment
9h00	[Title TBD] - Jean Coulibaly, University of Basel Q&A session
9h15	
9h20	<i>Establishing a controlled human infection model for schistosomiasis in Uganda - groundwork for vaccine and treatment studies</i> - Moses Egesa, MRC/UVRI and LSHTM Uganda Research Unit
9h35	Q&A session
9h40	<i>Morbidity Profiles of Schistosomiasis in a Context of Zoonotic Hybridization Between Human and Animal Species</i> - Cheikh Binetou Fall, University Cheikh Anta Diop
9h55	Q&A session
10h	Coffee break Grande Halle
10h30	<i>Advances in serological screening and follow-up of urogenital schistosomiasis: implications in endemic and non-endemic countries</i> - Javier Sotillo, Instituto de Salud Carlos III
10h45	Q&A session
10h55	<i>Dissecting host genetic contributions to morbidity in urogenital schistosomiasis</i> - Boris Savassi, Université de Montpellier
11h10	Q&A session
11h15	Open discussion session 3
11h30	General discussion & International Congress
12h20	Lunch break Salon Cordoue
14h	End of day 2