

FOR PERMANENT MISSIONS TO THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Road from TB to UHC towards reaching the SDGs by 2030: Financing to Deliver Commitments

Monday, 28 January 2019, 4:00-6:00pm

Palais des Nations, Room VII

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

Following the United Nations High-Level Meeting on Tuberculosis (UN HLM on TB) on 26 September 2018, during the 73rd UN General Assembly, the Stop TB Partnership and several Permanent Missions to the United Nations will co-host a meeting for Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives to the UN and international organizations in Geneva.

The UN HLM on TB produced a Political Declaration containing an ambitious set of TB targets to be delivered by 2022, including a commitment to reach \$13 billion in annual global TB funding by 2022. If achieved, this will put the world on track to meeting the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) target to end TB by 2030, and help realize the goal of Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Tackling TB and other communicable diseases is a proven route to UHC, since the infrastructure and capabilities required to defeat these epidemics are the foundations for a resilient and sustainable system of health. Moreover, tuberculosis, especially drug resistant TB, is one of the most profound threats to global health security. Current health financing levels fall far short of what is needed to meet the global targets for TB and to reach UHC for all. The world has a unique opportunity to scale up to ensure the commitment made during the UN HLM on TB and the UN HLM on UHC are fully realized.

This meeting aims to share the global health landscape in the context of the plans that are being developed following the UN HLM on TB and to provide recent information in the lead up to the UN HLM on UHC in 2019, during the 74th UN General Assembly. The objectives are the following:

- 1) Share key developments and the critical next steps to deliver on the Political Declaration that resulted from the UNHLM on TB;
- 2) Discuss the status of the global health financing environment, focusing on TB at the international and national levels;
- 3) Share updates on progress towards the UN HLM on UHC as the critical path to deliver on the SDGs.

Session Details

Opening: Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva

Welcoming remarks from co-hosts of the Permanent Missions and Stop TB Partnership Secretariat and Board leadership.

Invited speakers include: TB survivor, WHO, Executive Director of The Global Fund and Heads of other United Nations agencies and International Organizations in Geneva as well as health financing experts.

The meeting will be followed by a reception.

Agenda
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16.00 – 16.30	Welcome & Registration	
Chair of the Session: Dr Lucica Ditiu, Executive Director, Stop TB Partnership		
16.30 – 16.45	Opening Remarks	<p>Mr Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva</p> <p>Stop TB Partnership Board Leadership Dr Joanne Carter, Executive Director, RESULTS Educational Funds and Vice-Chair of Stop TB Partnership Board</p> <p>Civil Society and Communities Representative of Stop TB Board Ms Thoko Nkhoma Phiri, Executive Director, Facilitators of Community Transformation (FACT)</p>
16.45 – 17.00	Remarks by co-hosting UN Missions	<p>UN Mission of Canada</p> <p>UN Mission of Kazakhstan</p> <p>UN Mission of Moldova</p>
17.00 – 17.10	Overview of Global TB Situation UN High-Level Meeting targets	Dr Suvanand Sahu, Deputy Executive Director, Stop TB Partnership
17.10 – 17.20	Funding the Global TB Response: Global Fund Investment Case	Dr Peter Sands, Executive Director, The Global Fund
17.20 – 17.25	Comments from Copenhagen Consensus	Dr Bjørn Lomborg, President, Copenhagen Consensus
17.25 – 17.50	TB response at the core of UHC 2030 agenda	<p>Dr Teresa Kasaeva, Director, Global Tuberculosis Programme, World Health Organization</p> <p>Prof. Ilona Kickbusch, Director of the Global Health Institute, Graduate Institute Geneva and UHC2030 Co-Chair</p> <p>Dr Naoko Yamamoto, Assistant Director-General for Universal Health Coverage and Health Systems Cluster</p>
17.50 – 18.00	Discussion and Wrap-up	
18.00 – 19.00	Reception - Palais des Nations: Delegates Restaurant, 8 th floor	