JOINT PARTNERS FORUM FOR STRENGTHENING AND ALIGNING TB DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

GLI / GDI Partners Forum
Organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) Global TB Programme
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The overall goal of the Joint Partners Forum is to bring together representatives from country TB control programmes, international institutions and initiatives, non-governmental organizations, academic and research institutes from developed and developing countries, patient communities, the TB Supranational Reference Laboratory network, industry representatives and funding agencies, working in partnership to address the challenges of increasing access to early diagnosis and treatment of all persons with TB, including drug-resistant TB and TB/HIV.

Meeting objectives

- Provide an overview of the WHO End TB strategy to control the global TB epidemic post-2015;
- Present priorities and achievements of the Global Laboratory Initiative and Global Drug-resistant TB Initiative;
- Disseminate developments in WHO policy guidance on TB diagnostics and new drugs, and provide updates on the TB diagnostics pipeline and clinical trials for new drugs and regimens;
- Share lessons learned and challenges for wide-scale implementation of Xpert MTB/RIF and other rapid diagnostic tests to ensure effective use of resources and identify synergies with TB/HIV integrated activities;
- Evaluate the status of the SRL network and its activities;
- Share best practices for the alignment of diagnosis and treatment for the programmatic management of drug-resistant TB (PMDT); and
- Present progress of regional initiatives for scale-up of laboratory strengthening and PMDT.

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Session 4: Implementing innovations
Chair: Alaine Nyaruhirira

09:00  Progress on adaptation and use of the SLMTA (Strengthening Laboratory Management Towards Accreditation) tool for TB laboratories
Heidi Albert

09:30  Discussion

09:45  A model for specimen transportation: experience of Pakistan
Sabira Tahseen

10:00  Re-organization of the laboratory network in Belarus
Aksana Zalutskaya

10:15  Discussion

10:30  Coffee break

11:00  Advancements in e/m-Laboratory Information Management systems: outcomes of the 2015 WHO/EIS meeting
Chris Isaacs

11:15  Panel discussion on advancements in remote connectivity tools for GeneXpert
- GXAlert
- GenXchange
- South Africa
Moderator: Dennis Falcon
Moses Joloba
Emmanuel Andre
Alaine Nyaruhirira

12:15  Lunch

13:30  2010-2015: uptake and impact of Xpert MTB/RIF implementation
Chair: Bill Coggins

13:45  Use of Xpert MTB/RIF for diagnosing pulmonary TB
C.N. Paramasivan

14:05  Moving beyond risk groups for Xpert MTB/RIF testing: the role of chest X-ray as a screening tool
Anja Van't Hoog

14:25  Private sector Xpert MTB/RIF scale-up: successes and challenges of the TBXpert social business projects
Aamir Khan / Imran Zafar

14:45  Discussion

15:00  Coffee break

15:00  Session 6: Joint TB and HIV services platforms and opportunities for TB/HIV integration
Chair: Meg Doherty & Heather Alexander

15:30  Point-of-care viral load platforms and opportunities for TB/HIV integration
- Comments
Nathan Ford / Mercedes Pérez
Gonzalez
Yukari Manabe
K.S. Sachdeva

16:00  Discussion

16:30  MDR-TB in PHLV: impact and response
- Comments
Enrico Girardi
Alena Skrahina
Norbert Ndjeka

17:00  Discussion

17:30  End of Day 2

17:40  Stakeholders Roundtable on Xpert MTB/RIF (optional open session to discuss operational and technical updates and challenges with manufacturer)
Moderator: Wayne van Gemert

Session 7: Country experiences in strengthening and aligning diagnosis and treatment (1)
Chair: Daniel Ondrus

09:00  Progress and achievements of the EXPAND Project for the diagnosis of multidrug-resistant TB
Dario Barreira

09:20  The UNICEF experience with implementing a 9-month regimen for the treatment of patients with MDR-TB
Valerie Schwoebel

09:40  The EndTB Project: Expanding New Drug Markets for TB
Michael Rich

10:00  Strengthening and aligning diagnosis and treatment of drug-resistant TB in India
K.S. Sachdeva

10:15  Discussion

10:45  Coffee break

11:15  Roll-out of new diagnostics and first impressions: experience of Brazil
Andragachew Kumsa
Endale Mengesha

11:30  Strengthening and aligning diagnosis and treatment of drug-resistant TB in Russian Federation
Irina Vasilyeva

11:45  Strengthening and aligning diagnosis and treatment of drug-resistant TB in Myanmar
Zaw Myint

12:00  Models of care for people with drug-resistant TB: advancements in South Africa
Norbert Ndjeka

12:15  Discussion

13:00  Lunch

Session 8: Donor perspectives and strategies to strengthen and align diagnosis and treatment
Chair: Enos Masini

14:00  Experience of Ethiopia on the use of Xpert MTB/RIF: impact observed
Andragachew Kumsa / Endale Mengesha

14:30  Advancements in PMDT and electronic recording and reporting in the Philippines
Liliana Domete

14:45  Strengthening and aligning diagnosis and treatment of drug-resistant TB in Bangladesh
S. M. Mostofa Kamal

15:00  Discussion

15:30  Coffee break

Session 9: Country experiences in strengthening and aligning diagnosis and treatment (2)
Chair: K.S. Sachdeva

16:00  Diagnostic network and treatment strengthening strategies in USAID-priority countries
Amy Platek

16:20  UNITAID’s approach to funding innovations in TB diagnosis and treatment
Janet Ginard

16:40  Achievements and challenges of the Global Fund’s New Funding Model for strengthening TB control and PMDT
Elud Wandwando

17:00  Discussion

17:30  End of Day 3

17:40  Stakeholders Roundtable on DST diagnostic technologies (optional open session to discuss operational and technical updates and challenges with manufacturers)
Moderator: Fuad Mirzayev

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