The Union Overview

Meeting on Technical assistance
Plans for Global Fund Activities in the
African Region

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The Union

• The Union = The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
• Founded in 1920
• Activities address major health challenges facing low- and middle-income populations, including:
  – Tuberculosis
  – HIV
  – Lung health, including Child Lung Health
  – Non-communicable diseases
  – Tobacco Control
The Union Values

• **QUALITY**: we deliver our services and products to the highest possible standards

• **ACCOUNTABILITY**: we are responsible stewards of resources and deliver on our commitments

• **INDEPENDENCE**: we maintain the freedom to pursue innovation and are guided by the best evidence to improve the health of the poor.

• **SOLIDARITY**: we stand together as one Union to overcome the greatest challenges to improve health among the communities we serve.
Regions

• Africa
• Europe
• South East Asia
• North America
• Latin America
• Middle East
Managing assistance programmes

• The Union DR Congo Office
  – supports its tuberculosis,
  – TB-HIV and
  – other collaborations with the National Tuberculosis Programme, Ministry of Health and other partners

• The Union Uganda Office
  – Manages the TB REACH project.

• The Union Zimbabwe Office
  – Manages TB CARE I
  – IHC
Courses

Technical

- Thorough training in the prevention, treatment and control of tuberculosis
- Specific skills needed for management of
  - MDR-TB,
  - TB/HIV collaborative programmes
  - Operational research,
  - Tobacco control,
  - Child lung health management,

Management

- International Management Development Programme (IMDP)
Publications

• Guidelines - epidemiology and management - research

• Journals -
  – The International Journal of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IJTLD)
  – Lung health and NCDs
  – Tobacco control
Conferences

• Union World Conference on Lung Health (last in October)
• Regional conferences (last African in March)
Technical Assistance

• The Union offers technical assistance at the request of governments, agencies and other organisations,

• Emphasis is on serving low- and middle-income countries and populations.

• Interventions are planned as partnerships that support national/local autonomy in defining and reaching objectives that reflect international standards and policies.
Intensive technical assistance

• Increasing case detection
• Improving treatment rates
• Developing human resources
• Following international guidelines
• Implementing global strategies
Short-term technical assistance

• Field visits and other site visits
• Programme reviews and evaluations
• Training programmes
• Laboratory system assessments
• Drug and materials procurement
• Ensuring logistics and deliveries