Description
Although TB targets linked to the MDGs have been reached, case detection is stagnating at about 65%, MDR care is expanding too slowly and external funding sources are increasingly scarce. These challenges call for refined sustainable approaches in order to maintain the achievements, find missing persons with TB and ensure quality care. Integration of TB in a variety of existing community-based initiatives, such as MCH, HIV, NCD and any developmental theme linked to TB and/or poverty, is aimed at promoting TB ownership by local communities in a sustainable fashion. WHO’s ENGAGE-TB Approach, along with examples from implementing countries, will be presented at the symposium.

Objectives
1) To promote integration of TB for community-based action and NGO and other CSO involvement through the ENGAGE-TB Approach; 2) To share experiences and good practices in the implementation of the ENGAGE-TB Approach.

Keywords
TB; integration; HIV; community-based intervention; civil society; partnership; CSO; NGO; health promotion; advocacy.

Agenda
17:00 - 17:20  ENGAGE-TB Approach. Integrating community based TB activities into the work of NGOs and other CSOs (15min presentation + 5min clarifications) Speaker: Thomas Joseph, WHO Stop TB Department
17:20 - 17:35  Country experience of implementing ENGAGE-TB Approach (10min presentation + 5min clarifications) Speaker: Dr. Saidi Egwaga, National TB Programme Manager, Tanzania
17:35 - 17:55  NGO experience of implementing ENGAGE-TB Approach (15min presentation + 5min clarifications) Speaker: Chiara Conti, CUAMM-Ethiopia
17:55 - 18:00 Expanding ENGAGE-TB Approach: opportunities in Asia. Speaker: Dr. Catharina van Weezenbeek, TB Advisor, WHO, WPRO
18:00 - 18:25 Discussion
18:25 – 18:30 Wrap up (co-Chair)

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