

-PRELIMINARY AGENDA-

**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

WHO Executive Board Room, Geneva, 27-30 April 2015

Monday April 27th

08:30	Registration	
	Session 1: Introduction	
09:00	Welcome and opening	M. Raviglione L. Ditiu
09:15	Controlling the global TB and MDR-TB epidemic post-2015: the WHO END-TB strategy	M. Raviglione
09:40	Discussion	
09:55	Achievements and priorities of the Global Laboratory Initiative (GLI)	T. Shinnick
10:15	Achievements and priorities of the Global Drug-resistant TB Initiative (GDI)	C. Daley
10:35	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00	Overview of the WHO TB Diagnostics Policy Framework	K. Weyer
11:20	Looking ahead: the new TB diagnostic pipeline	C. Boehme
11:40	Alignment of diagnosis and treatment of drug-resistant TB: current global situation and challenges	F. Mirzayev
12:00	Discussion	
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
	Session 2: Advancements and opportunities in diagnosis and treatment	
14:00	Introducing new anti-TB drugs and regimens	C. Lienhardt
14:15	WHO approach to pharmacovigilance of anti-TB drugs	E. Jaramillo
14:30	The current state of knowledge: genotypic vs phenotypic drug-susceptibility testing (DST)	C. Gilpin
14:45	Discussion	
15:00	Achievements and challenges of the Supranational Reference Laboratory (SRL) network	D. Cirillo
15:15	SRL taskforce on DST for new drugs and other research priorities	SRL taskforce
15:30	Designation of 3 SRL Centers of Excellence (CoE) in the Russian Federation	WHO
15:40	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:05	Diagnostic network and treatment strengthening strategies in USAID-priority countries	To be confirmed
16:25	UNITAID approach to funding innovations in TB diagnosis and treatment	UNITAID
16:45	Achievements and challenges of the Global Fund's New Funding Model for strengthening TB control and PMDT	Global Fund
17:00	Discussion	
17:30	End of Day 1	
17:40	Stakeholders Roundtable on DST diagnostic technologies <i>(optional open session to discuss operational and technical updates and challenges with manufacturers)</i>	

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	Session 3: Implementing innovations	
09:00	Harmonizing and coordinating the use of TB laboratory QMS (Quality Management Systems) strengthening tools	C. Gilpin
09:15	Progress on adaptation and use of the SLMTA (Strengthening Laboratory Management Towards Accreditation) tool for TB laboratories	H. Albert
09:30	Experience of Mozambique in QMS implementation	To be confirmed
09:45	Discussion	
10:00	A model for specimen transportation: experience of Pakistan	S.Tahseen
10:15	Re-organization of the laboratory network in Belarus	To be confirmed
10:30	Discussion	
10:40	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00	Advancements in e/m- Laboratory Information Management systems: outcomes of the 2015 WHO/ERS meeting	C. Denkinger
11:15	Panel discussion on advancements in remote monitoring tools for GeneXpert - GXAlert - GenXchange - South Africa remote monitoring tool	To be confirmed
12:15	<i>Lunch</i>	
	Session 4: Update on Xpert MTB/RIF implementation	
13:30	2010-2015: uptake and impact of Xpert MTB/RIF	W. van Gemert
13:45	Roll-out of Xpert MTB/RIF and impact observed: experience of Brazil	To be confirmed
14:00	Use of Xpert MTB/RIF for diagnosing paediatric TB	FIND India
14:15	Moving beyond risk groups for Xpert MTB/RIF testing: the role of chest X-ray as a screening tool	A. Van't Hoog
14:30	Private sector Xpert MTB/RIF scale-up: successes and challenges of the TBXpert social business projects	A. Khan / I. Zafar
14:45	Discussion	
15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
	Session 5: Xpert MTB/RIF for people living with HIV (PLHIV)	
15:30	Existing opportunities and synergies about the common platform of Xpert MTB/RIF and viral load determination - Commentaries	To be confirmed HIV Programme managers
15:50	Discussion	
16:30	MDR-TB in PLHIV: measuring the impact	To be confirmed
16:45	MDR-TB in PLHIV: scale-up of essential diagnostic tools	To be confirmed
17:00	Discussion	
17:30	<i>End of Day 2</i>	
17:40	Stakeholders Roundtable on Xpert MTB/RIF (<i>optional open session to discuss operational and technical updates and challenges with manufacturer</i>)	

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	Session 6: Diagnostic and treatment alignment / country experience	
09:00	Progress and achievements of the EXPAND-TB Project for the diagnosis of multidrug-resistant TB	D. Orozco
09:20	The endTB Project: Expanding New Drug Markets for TB	MSF/PIH
09:40	Strengthening and aligning diagnosis and treatment of drug-resistant TB in India	To be confirmed
10:00	Discussion	
10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00	Strengthening and aligning diagnosis and treatment of drug-resistant TB in Russia	To be confirmed
11:20	Strengthening and aligning diagnosis and treatment of drug-resistant TB in Myanmar	To be confirmed
11:40	Discussion	
12:00	Models of care for people with drug-resistant TB: advancements in South Africa	To be confirmed
12:20	Moldova: Changing the paradigm of PMDT	To be confirmed
12:40	<i>Lunch</i>	
	Session 7: Diagnosis and treatment alignment / country experience (2)	
14:00	Advancements in PMDT in the Philippines: Electronic recording and reporting, and introduction of new drugs	To be confirmed
14:20	Strengthening and aligning diagnosis and treatment of drug-resistant TB in Bangladesh	To be confirmed
14:40	Discussion	
15:00	GDI advocacy taskforce update	GDI taskforce leader
15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:45	GDI patient-centred care taskforce update	GDI taskforce leader
16:00	GDI research taskforce update	GDI taskforce leader
16:15	GDI infection control subgroup update	GDI IC subgroup leader
16:30	Discussion	
16:50	Priorities for moving forward the agendas of GLI and GDI: facilitated discussion	GLI and GDI chairs
17:20	Closure of the Joint Partners Forum	
17:30	<i>End of Day 3</i>	

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Thursday April 30th

	Symposium on regional GLI/GDI initiatives	
09:00	Regional GLC experiences – panel presentations (EUR, AFR, WPR, SEAR, AMR, EMR)	Regional GLC chairs
10:00	Discussion	
10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00	Regional GLI experiences – panel presentations (EUR, AFR, WPR)	To be confirmed
12:00	Discussion	
12:30	<i>End of symposium on regional GLI/GDI initiatives</i>	
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>	

	Meetings of the GLI / GDI core groups (closed sessions)	
	GLI core group: 13:30-17:30 Thursday GDI core group: 13:30-17:30 Thursday and 9:00-12:30 Friday	