

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### Developing a Rights-Based Approach to TB

#### **November 2014 Conference**

The University of Chicago Center in New Delhi, India

#### **TB and Human Rights**

The global TB crisis remains at epidemic proportions. In 2012, there were approximately 8.6 million new cases of TB and 1.3 million deaths from TB—nearly 3,600 deaths a day. An estimated 26% of all global incidences of TB occurred in India alone. The central truth about the TB crisis in India is that social and economic factors and structural barriers drive the epidemic. A rights-based approach to TB will focus on the underlying social and economic determinants and establish the rights of people living with and vulnerable to TB. The approach will articulate the legal obligations of governments and non-state actors, such as private health providers and drug manufacturers, to ensure good quality TB testing and treatment are available and accessible. And it will focus on the state's obligation to effectively regulate the health sector and ensure adequate, equitable and sustainable funding for TB prevention and treatment.

#### **Conference Details**

In an effort to generate and promote thought, dialogue and policy actions surrounding a rights-based approach to TB, the organizers will hold a conference in November 2014 in New Delhi, India. The organizers hope to include stakeholders and partners from India and around the world. Participants will range across a number of disciplines and professions, including medical professionals, lawyers, academics, community members, policy makers, and others. The goal is to promote cross-disciplinary thought, dialogue and action on developing and implementing a rights-based approach to TB. The conference will consist of panel discussions and workshops on various subjects related to human rights and TB. To this end, the organizers would like to invite potential participants to submit paper proposals for the conference. Limited funding will be available for conference participants based on need.

#### **Paper Topics**

Potential paper topics will span across a broad range of issues pertaining to TB and human rights. Topics may include:

- Underlying social and economic factors as drivers of the TB epidemic (particularly related to drugs resistance)
- Rights of people living with and vulnerable to TB

- Right to information, freedom from discrimination, right to access testing and treatment and right to participation in health-related decision-making processes
- Availability of TB and MDR-TB medicines and diagnostics
  - Research and development, and procurement
- Access to TB and MDR-TB medicines and diagnostics
  - Pricing, intellectual property and other barriers to access
- Private sector regulation and delivery of evidence-based TB care
- Government obligations vis-à-vis people living with and vulnerable to TB
- Human rights benchmarks and indicators for TB monitoring and evaluation
- Litigation and other legal interventions
- Global health governance for TB
- TB and human rights advocacy and implementation

Potential participants are welcome to submit proposals on topics not listed above so long as they fit within the core subject matter of the conference. The conveners will work with participants in further refining and developing their proposals once they have been submitted.

### **Submission Details**

- Abstracts must be less 500 words or less in length
- Abstracts must be submitted by **July 25, 2014**, emailed as a Word Document or PDF attachment to: [abstracts@tbrights.org](mailto:abstracts@tbrights.org)
- Accepted abstracts should be expanded to papers approximately 15 to 40 pages in length. Deadlines for final papers will be determined during discussions with the authors upon acceptance of the abstract

### **The University of Chicago Center in Delhi**

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