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Partners' Forum 2009

Rio de Janeiro was selected by the Board to host the third Stop TB Partners' Forum on 23-25 March 2009, following an exciting competitive bidding process for host city of the Stop TB Partners' Forum.

The Board is asked to consider a proposal for the third Partners' Forum. Decision points include: objectives, theme, structure, satellite events, participants and background documents.

What is the history of the Stop TB Partners' Fora?

There have been two Partners' Fora.

The first Stop TB Partners' Forum which took as its theme "50/50: Towards a TB-free future", was a landmark event for the global partnership movement to Stop TB. Hosted by the World Bank, it took place in Washington DC, in October 2001, attended by approximately 200 high-level representatives of 75 organizations and countries. The key outcome of the 2001 Partners Forum was the "branding" of the Stop TB Partnership. The Forum launched and endorsed the Global Plan to Stop TB and along with the success of GDF, put the Stop TB Partnership on the map as a vital force in the fight against TB, gave it the stature of a major global movement, and generated momentum for advocacy through a flurry of attention in the prestige press and other media.

The second Stop TB Partners' Forum was hosted by the Government of India in March 2004 in New Delhi under the theme "Keeping the Pledge".

The 350 participants, who included ministers, donor agencies and non-governmental organizations, affirmed their commitment to intensifying efforts and accelerating action to attain the 2005 global targets for TB control, to expanding the outreach activities of the Global Partnership to Stop TB, with the aim of involving new partners, and to mobilizing more resources to facilitate the achievement of those targets.

Vision

An open, transparent and dynamic forum, which enables partners to assess progress, recognize and address weaknesses and inspire each other to achieve the targets set out in the Global Plan to Stop TB (2006-2015).

Proposal for the Partners Forum 2009

Key aspects of the Partners Forum that require Coordinating Board consideration are the following:

1. Objectives
2. Theme
3. Structure



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4. Satellite events
5. Participants
6. Background documents

Objectives

To ensure the capacity of the Partnership to deliver the outcomes set out in the Global Plan to Stop TB (2006-2015).

In particular, to:

- Leverage political commitment and boost funding for the implementation of TB programmes at national level to meet the Global Plan to Stop TB (2006-2015), MDG and Partnership targets;
- Strengthen the engagement of constituencies and communities in the implementation of the Global Plan;
- Mobilize and engage partners in the fight against TB;
- Report on trends in implementing the Global Plan;
- Influence TB control policy in participating endemic countries;
- Provide a platform for connecting partners and enhancing our network of mutual support.

The Partners' Forum will present important opportunities to:

- Report on and discuss the implementation of the recommendations of the 2nd Stop TB Partnership external evaluation
- Consolidate and reinforce partners' commitments, particularly high-level political and financial commitment for the implementation of the Global Plan and Stop TB Strategy;
- Provide a platform for engagement of high-level government, stakeholders and partner representatives;
- Provide a highly visible platform to share and celebrate successes, endorse common strategies and policies and discuss ways of overcoming challenges in meeting collective goals;
- Foster collaboration among nations and partners battling TB;
- Introduce new partners to the TB movement, and
- Attract media attention to TB.

Proposed Themes

- From Plan to Action
- Innovation, Inspiration, Action
- Together we are stopping TB



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Proposed Structure

The meeting will be held **over 3 days**, comprising formal plenary and breakout sessions with parallel running partners' market place, speakers' corner, skills building workshops and site visits.

The first day of the meeting is intended to be predominantly political and strategic, and engage high level political and civil society participants.

The second and third days of the meeting are intended to promote discussion on strategic and innovative approaches to TB control, as well as to inspire and challenge partners to **ACTION**.

Day 1

Morning

1. Opening Ceremony (*Inspire*):
Key note addresses:

His Excellency President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva is expected to open the meeting, followed by interventions from other high level international participants, including the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy to Stop TB and representatives of leading Partner Organizations.

2. Plenary Session – Panel Discussion:
Global Plan Progress Report.
Status of implementation of the Global Plan 2006-2015, challenges and way forward.

Afternoon

3. Ministerial Forum:
Implementation at country level.
Political and policy statements and declarations of commitment, leading to a “declaration” or “call”.
4. Government/Civil Society Exchanges (by region):
Identify common ground and new opportunities for Partnership in each region;
Develop greater understanding of expectations and constraints. Address the role of each in the fight against TB.

OR

4. Thematic Constituency Meeting (*e.g.*, Business Sector, Affected Community, NGOs, Donors/Foundations, Faith-based Organizations, Indigenous people). Organized by constituencies. Designed to promote dialogue within the constituency on ways of working together to attain the targets set out in the Global Plan "What can **WE** do to stop TB".



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Evening

Welcome Reception offered by Brazilian Authorities

Day 2 - WORLD TB DAY

Several advocacy events throughout the day (which may include press events organized around TB Ambassadors and other High Level participants) will culminate with a special mediatic event to mark the day.

Morning

1. Plenary Session (Innovate)

These are expected to be developed as brief presentations followed by panel discussions.

Issues addressed could include: Financing, Partnership Building, Leadership etc.

2. Thematic Track

Discussion of progress and challenges, as well as innovative and strategic approaches to **ACSM, Dots Expansion, MDR-TB/XDR-TB, TB/HIV and Research** such as discussion of Financial Sustainability (potential discussants: M. Kazatchkine, Joy Phumaphi, UNITAID, Donor Government, Developing Country Foundation or High Net Worth individual), Rolling out new tools (potential discussants: Researchers, regulators, implementers and advocates), Engaging All Care Providers (potential discussants: Private Sector, Community Health Workers, etc), addressing the needs of Neglected Populations (Prison Populations, Indigenous Peoples, the Poor, Refugees and Displaced persons, Migrant Populations etc.).

Press Conference/Press Events

Afternoon

3. Thematic Constituency Meeting:

Organized by constituencies. Designed to allow constituencies develop constituency based commitments, propose recommendations and discuss way forward to address issues raised in thematic tracks.

4. Constituency Led Workshops:

Training and capacity Building Workshops organized by constituencies.

Evening

WTB Day Mediatic Event

Day 3

1. Plenary Session (Act):

These are expected to be developed as brief presentations followed by panel discussions.

Issues addressed could include: Financing, Partnership Building, Leadership etc.



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2. Thematic Track:
(e.g., M(X)DR-TB, Strengthening TB Research, TB and Health Systems, Increasing access).

Afternoon

3. CLOSING CEREMONY:
Address conclusions and recommendations from other sessions, and explore the advantages of Partnering for TB control.
Interventions from other high level international participants. His Excellency Dr Temporão, Minister of Health is expected to close the meeting.

Preparations for the Partners' Forum will include Constituency E - fora which will help guide the development of the agenda. Constituencies will be encouraged to submit proposals for the organization of thematic constituency meetings, as well as skills building workshops.

Other proposed events include a **Partners' Market Place**, where organizations working on TB can showcase their work and their partners, highlight their achievements and foster new partnerships. A **Speaker's Corner** will also provide participants with an opportunity to speak out on issues which are not directly broached in the sessions. It is an opportunity to share experiences, concerns and expectations (e.g. Governments, donor community, Stop TB Partnership, own Constituency etc.). **Skills Building Workshops** designed to enhance Partner capacity in key areas will be organized by Constituencies. **Exhibitions** (e.g.: Photography Exhibition - showcasing selected entries submitted for a Photography competition run by a Partner Organization - Cartoon Exhibition and Art to Stop TB). All these will be run back to back with plenary and break out sessions.

An electronic match-making system has also been proposed, which will allow Participants to easily identify and arrange to meet other Partners to share experiences and establish relationships which will support their mutual interests in fighting TB.

Site Visits

Field visits to clinics and other relevant sites will be arranged as part of the Forum Programme.

Background documents

The following background documents are proposed:

1. A synopsis of the Progress Report on Global Plan Implementation;
2. Progress Report on Global Plan implementation, 2006-2008;
3. WHO Global TB Control Report;
4. TB resource tracking report;
5. External Review/Evaluation report.



Participants

Ministers of Health, Finance, Planning and (where relevant) Justice of high burden countries, Coordinating Board members, a representative of each partner organisation (of which there are now over 700), Stop TB Ambassadors, and other key strategic participants. A limited number of developing country participants (including all high level affected country representatives) are provided with financial support.