

## Agenda

Day 1 – Tuesday, 1 April 2025		
Session 1: Chair: Mansa Mbenga/Kyung Oh		
Time	Topic	Presenters/Discussants
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	All
09:00 – 09:30	Opening session	
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome remarks	Agnes Gebhard, KNCV Dr Dinh Van Luong, NTP Viet Nam; Dr Angela Pratt, WHO Representative Vietnam. Anisa Ghadrshenas, Unitaid Grania Brigden – Global Fund
09:15 – 09:30	Introduction of participants	by country and partner
09:30 – 09:40	Objectives and structure of the workshop	Agnes Gebhard
09:40 – 09:50	Scene setting by Unitaid	Anisa Ghadrshenas
09:50 – 13:00	WHO policy updates on prevention and screening	
09:50 – 10:20	Updates on TPT guidelines and operational handbook	Avinash Kanchar
10:20 – 10:35	Discussion	All
10:35 – 10:45	Group photo	All
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee break	All
11:15 – 11:30	Country experience of programmatic implementation of TPT for contacts of DR-TB patients	Dr Nishant Kumar
11:30 – 11:45	Country experience on access and use of dispersible formulations of Isoniazid and rifapentine for TPT among children who are contacts of TB patients	Dr Nishant Kumar
11:45 – 12:00	Asymptomatic TB and programmatic implications	Dennis Falzon
12:00 – 12:15	Topical issues and forthcoming updates to TB screening recommendations and implementation guidance	Cecily Miller
12:15 – 12:30	Experience of AI-CAD for screening in the Philippines, Cambodia, Nepal and India (Research Institute of Tuberculosis, Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association)	Seiyo Kato
12:30 – 13:00	Q&A/Discussion	All
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	All
Session 2: Chair: Bhatia Vineet/Asso. Prof. Nguyen Binh Hoa		
14:00 – 17:00	Policy Updates on Detection of TB Infection using TBSTs and IGRAs	
14:00 – 14:15	WHO Policy Updates: TB Infection Testing with TBSTs and IGRAs	Patricia Hall-Eidson
14:15 – 14:30	Country presentation: India's TBST and IGRA experience	Dr Nishant Kumar
14:30 – 14:45	Q&A/Discussion	All

14:45 – 15:45	Groups work by country groups and their partners, including representatives of CSOs to adjust country TB response/transition plans towards full uptake of the latest WHO guidance in screening and prevention	Mansa Mbenga/Agnes Gebhard/Cecily Miller/Patricia Hall-Eidson
15:45 – 16:15	<b>Coffee break</b>	<b>All</b>
16:15 – 17:00	Present of 3-5 action points per country group, to improve their transition plans towards full implementation of WHO guidance on prevention and screening	Country representatives
17:00 – 17:15	Introduction of the survey on long-acting injections (LAIs) for treatment of TB	Linh Nguyen
17:15	<b>Closing the day</b>	<b>Chairs: Morning/ afternoon sessions</b>

### Parallel session on Day 1

#### **Community Demand Generation & Advocacy Capacity Strengthening Workshop for Civil Society on Person-Centered Drug-Resistant TB Care**

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8:30	Welcome & introductions	Anisa Ghadrshenas – Unitaid Agnes Gebhard – KNCV Mike Frick – TAG
9:00	Context and objectives for the workshop and regional meeting	Mike Frick
9:15	<b>Introducing new community resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review new resources</li> <li>Role play exercise on participatory decision making in regimen selection and treatment management</li> </ul>	Jennifer Furin and Mike Frick
9:45	<b>Community Partner Mini Teach-ins</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rahama</li> <li>Terbesar</li> <li>ChildLife Mozambique</li> </ul>	ASCENT CSO partners
10:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:30	<b>Training 1: Diagnostics for DR-TB Diagnosis and Treatment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DR-TB diagnostics 101: currently available tests and how they should be used in the context of DR-TB screening, diagnosis, treatment, and care.</li> </ul>	Tejaswini Dharmapuri Vachaspathi
11:15	<b>Community Partner Mini Teach-ins, continued</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SCDI</li> <li>Ethiopian TB Association</li> <li>TBEC &amp; TB People Ukraine</li> <li>Gwebindlala</li> <li>IPCD</li> </ul>	ASCENT CSO partners

<b>12:15</b>	<i>Short stretch break</i>	
<b>12:25</b>	<b>Strategy Session: Finalize Community Priorities for DR-TB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TB screening &amp; prevention</li> <li>• Diagnosis and drug-susceptibility testing</li> <li>• Nutrition</li> <li>• Treatment</li> </ul>	ALL
<b>13:00</b>	<i>Lunch break</i>	
<b>14:00</b>	Join SEAR-WPR workshop to plan the accelerated implementation of new WHO policies ( <b>prevention and screening</b> )	
<b>17:00</b>	<i>Adjourn</i>	

Day 2 – Wednesday, 2 April 2025		
Session 3: Chair: Grania Brigden/ Agnes Gebhard		
Time	TB Diagnostics	Presenters/Discussants
09:00 – 09:45	Advances in Global & Regional Diagnostic Programmes and Policies	
09:00 – 09:15	Introduction, goals, and objectives for TB diagnostics section	Patricia Hall-Eidson
09:15 – 09:30	WHO Presentation: Global and regional diagnostic testing priorities and progress	Patricia Hall-Eidson
09:30 – 09:45	Q&A/Discussion	All
9:45 – 10:45	Policy Updates for Initial Detection of TB and DR-TB	
9:45 – 10:00	WHO Policy Updates: LC-NAAT Overview with concurrent testing approaches for HIV-positive individuals and children	Patricia Hall-Eidson
10:00 – 10:15	Q&A/Discussion	All
10:15 – 10:30	Country experience discussion: LC-NAAT/ Concurrent Testing	All
10:30 – 10:45	Summary of country experiences and considerations for uptake	Agnes Gebhard/ Patricia Hall-Eidson
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15 – 13:00	Policy Updates for Detection of DR-TB using Next-Generation Sequencing	
11:15 – 11:30	WHO Policy Updates: Use of tNGS for drug susceptibility testing	Patricia Hall-Eidson
11:30 – 11:45	Q&A	All
11:45 – 12:15	Country experience discussion: Bangladesh’s use of tNGS; experience from Indonesia (Bandung site)	All
12:30 – 12:45	Q&A and discussion on considerations for regional uptake	All
12:45 – 13:00	Introduction to the group work	Patricia Hall-Eidson
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	
Session 4: Chair: Galuh Leksono / Dr Nishant Kumar		
14:00 – 15:30	Working Session: Planning for National TB Lab Strategic Plan (NTLSP) Updates	
14:00 – 15:00	Group Work: Updating NTLSPs	All
14:15 – 15:00	Group Work: Updating NTLSPs	All

15:00 – 15:15	Report back from group discussion	All
<b>15:15 – 15:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>16:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>WHO policy updates on TB and undernutrition</b>	
16:00 – 16:15	WHO policy updates: nutritional interventions and food assistance for people with TB and their household contacts.	Annabel Baddeley
16:15 – 16:30	Practical implementation considerations for nutritional interventions and food assistance for people with TB and their household contacts	Arvind Betigeri, World Food Programme, Regional Office for Asia and Pacific
16:30-17:00	Country presentations on implementing nutritional interventions for people with TB and their households	Dr Md. Zahangir Kabir Dr Sakhone Suthepmany
17:00 – 17:30	Discussion	<b>All</b>
<b>17:30</b>	<b>Closing the day</b>	<b>Chairs: Morning/ afternoon sessions</b>
<b>Dinner</b>		<b>All</b>

### Parallel session on Day 2

## **Community Demand Generation & Advocacy Capacity Strengthening Workshop for Civil Society on Person-Centered Drug-Resistant TB Care**

<b>Wednesday, 2 April 2025</b>		
<b>9:00</b>	Join SEAR-WPR workshop to plan the accelerated implementation of new WHO policies ( <b>diagnostics</b> )	
<b>13:00</b>	<i>Lunch break</i>	
<b>14:00</b>	<b>Training 2: Addressing DR-TB Stigma</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The recipe for stigma: What is stigma? What does it look like? How is it manufactured and created?</li> <li>Exercises from KNCV stigma toolkits.</li> <li><i>Coffee chat</i>: Get coffee and then return to room for (small) group discussion about what we learn from your communities about stigma and overcoming it? What empowers you?</li> </ul>	Kathy Fiekert, KNCV
<b>14:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>15:15</b>	<b>Training 3 : Art and Advocacy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art as a tool to build trust and engagement.</li> <li>How artistic interventions can help to tackle stigma and shift social narratives around TB.</li> <li>Practical tools and examples.</li> </ul>	Paulina Siniatkina, KNCV
<b>16:00</b>	Join SEAR-WPR workshop to plan the accelerated implementation of new WHO policies ( <b>nutrition</b> )	
<b>17:30</b>	<i>Adjourn</i>	
<b>Dinner</b>		

## Day 3 – Thursday, 3 April 2025

### Session 4 (continuation): Chair: Galuh Leksono / Dr Nishant Kumar

Time	Topic	Presenters/Discussants
09:00 – 09:40	Groupwork by countries and partners on implementation planning and scale up of nutritional interventions food assistance for people with TB and their household contacts	All
09:40 – 10:00	Report back from countries and discussion	All

### Session 5: Chair: Dr Kraisorn Tohtubtiang / Dr Naveen Prakash Shah

10:00 – 11:00	<b>WHO policy updates on TB treatment</b>	
10:00 – 10:30	Overview of WHO consolidated guidelines on TB treatment New DR-TB regimens: Evidence and rationale behind the updates	Fuad Mirzayev (Pre-recorded)
10:30 – 10:15	Q/A and discussion	All
10:15 – 12:30	<b>Key considerations for implementation of new DR-TB treatment regimens</b>	
10:15 – 10:45	<b>New modified 9-month regimens:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eligibility</li> <li>- Composition &amp; duration of BLMZ, BDLLCZ, BDLLZ</li> <li>- Regimen modifications</li> <li>- Key subgroups and implementation considerations</li> <li>- Treatment monitoring and outcome assignment</li> </ul>	Linh Nguyen
10:45 – 11:00	Discussion	All
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11:30 – 12:00	<b>New 6-month BDLLfxC regimen:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eligibility</li> <li>- Composition &amp; duration of the regimen</li> <li>- Regimen modifications</li> <li>- Key subgroups and implementation considerations</li> <li>- Treatment monitoring and outcome assignment</li> </ul>	Francesca Conradie (Online)
12:00 – 12:15	Management of adverse events in MDR/RR-TB treatment	Francesca Conradie (Online)
12:15 – 12:30	Q/A and Discussion	All
12:30 – 13:00	<b>Use of new regimens in children and adolescents</b>	
12:30 – 12:45	New shorter Regimens: Considerations for children	Sabine Verkuijl (Online)
12:45 – 12:55	Updating paediatric DR-TB guidelines – experience from Papua New Guinea	Gordon Pukai
12:55-13:00	Q&A/Discussion	All
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	

### Session 6: Chair: Dr Zahangir Kabir /Dr Sakhone Suthepmany

14:00 – 14:50	<b>Panel discussion</b>	
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	<b>Support the implementation of the novel DR-TB regimens within a comprehensive quality care package (5 minutes for each presenter)</b>	
	ASCENT DR-TB TA Market Access	Mansa Mbenga - KNCV Clare Albert - CHAI
	Community engagement to accelerate the uptake of new TB regimens	Timothy Wafula – KELIN (online) Mike Frick - TAG
	UNITE4TB clinical trials	Jonathan Servello (online)
	TB Alliance	Eden Mendoza-Hisey
<b>15:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Planning for implementation of the novel DR-TB regimens</b>	
14:50 – 15:10	Stop TB Partnership - GDF	Zaza Muñoz
15:10 – 15:25	Introduction and country experience on the self-assessment and planning tool	Mansa Mbenga
15:25 – 15:40	Philippines experience on self-assessment and planning	Mamel Quelapio
15:40 – 16:40	Groupwork on country planning for scaling up new DR-TB regimens based on the self-assessment and planning tool	Breakout session: Agnes Gebhard/Bhatia Vineet/Kyung Oh
16:40 – 17:10	Country 3-5 most significant action points, parallel sessions per region	All
<b>17:10</b>	<b>Closing the day</b>	<b>Chairs: Morning/ afternoon sessions</b>

<b>Day 4 – Friday, 4 April 2025</b>		
<b>Session 7: Chair: Grania Brigden, Global Fund/Smiljka de Lussigny , Unitaid</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenters/Discussants</b>
<b>08:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>New developments in diagnostics</b>	
08:30 – 08:50	Target profiles for diagnostics and diagnostic standards - How these two WHO processes support achieving the UNHLM and END TB targets.	Patricia Hall, WHO
08.50-9.20	Global Fund and Unitaid support for new diagnostic tools	Grania Brigden, Global Fund & Anisa Ghadrshenas, Unitaid
9.20-10.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development pipeline of novel tests to detect tuberculosis, including discussion on yield</li> <li>Technical considerations, including linkage to DST</li> <li>Key considerations on availability for implementation (including timelines to market entry and evidence to recommendations process)</li> </ul> Non-sputum samples and near POC tests & considerations on preferences and acceptability	Kavi Velen, FIND
<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	

10:15 – 10:45	<p>Panel: Stakeholder perspectives on priorities for TB diagnostics and Q&amp;A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 NTP manager (Bangladesh)</li> <li>• 1 Lab Director (Vietnam)</li> <li>• 1 Civil society (Philippines)</li> </ul> <p>5-minute response to the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the most significant challenge in ensuring access to TB diagnostic testing with the currently available tools?</li> <li>2. What in the pipeline most excites you and why? How would you use it to optimize access to TB testing in your country?</li> <li>3. What are the top three challenges with introducing new diagnostic technologies, and what can we do now to prepare? Can you give some examples from recently introduced tools?</li> </ol> <p>Earlier sessions presenters join the panel for Q&amp;A from the audience.</p>	<p>Dr Zahangir Kabir (TBC) Dr Doan Thu Ha (TBC) Ms Florita Dalida</p>
10.45 - 11.00	Overview of break out groups	Melanie Kitongo, Global Fund
11:00 – 12.30	<b>Break out groups to discuss the potential demand and implementation considerations for new TB diagnostic tools in the pipeline</b>	
12:30 – 13:00	Reporting back from the three groups	
13:00 – 13:10	Civil society call to Action: Speed up scale-up TB testing	Mangala Namasivayam, Diagnostic Equity Consortium (DEC)
13:10 – 13:30	Summary of the workshop and wrap-up	
13:30 – 14:30	<b>Lunch break</b>	