



Workshop Agenda

Accelerating Progress towards Ending TB in the African Region

23 – 25 JUNE 2026 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

FINAL AGENDA

Day 1 – 23 June 2026		
Time	Topic	Presenters/discussants
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and registration	All
Opening Session		
09:00 – 10:00	Security briefing	WCO Ethiopia
	Welcome remarks	Francis Chisaka Kasolo, WHO Representative
	Goodwill messages by partners	Unitaid Global Fund KNCV
	Opening Remarks	Dr. Dereje Deguma, State Minister of Health for Programs, MOH Ethiopia
10:00 – 10:20	Group Photo	
	Coffee break	
Session 1: Introduction to the workshop		
Session chair: Taye Letta (NTP Ethiopia) and WHO AFRO		
10:20 – 10:50	Introduction of participants	By country and partner
	Structure of the workshop	Mansa Mbenga, KNCV
	Scene setting by WHO AFRO (Regional TB situation and challenges)	WHO AFRO
	Scene setting by Unitaid	Cherise Scott, Unitaid
	GC8 priorities and approaches	Melanie Kitongo, GF

Session 2: TB diagnostic testing and management of drug-resistant-TB Session chairs: Jeremiah Ogoro (MOH Kenya) and Cherise Scott (Unitaid)		
10:50 – 11:20	TB Diagnostic Testing Summary of WHO guidance with mentimeter questions Q&A	Alexei Korobitsyn, WHO
11:20 – 12:00	Country experience sharing on introduction & key considerations for new TB diagnostic tools and approaches for planning & funding applications: - Sputum pooling in Cameroon - NPOC-NAAT (Pluslife) introduction in Zimbabwe - Targeted Next-Generation Sequencing national roll-out in South Africa	Valerie Donkeng, MOH Cameroon Vincent Kampira, MOH Zimbabwe Shaheed Vally Omar, MOH South Africa
12:00 – 12:15	Introduction to START4All Pooling Toolkit and WHO TB NPOC-NAAT/Swab Toolkit with New Policy FAQ	Tom Wingfield, LSTM Patricia Hall-Eidson, WHO
12:15 – 12:25	Discussion	All
12:25 – 13:00	Management of DR-TB Summary of WHO guidance with mentimeter questions Questions and answers/discussion	Sabine Verkuijl, WHO All
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 – 14:30	Management of DR-TB (continued) Country discussions: Small-group discussions with 2-4 countries per group, including partners who rotate across groups. Programmatic implementation of all-oral shorter regimen for DR-TB patients, including: • Key achievements • Key bottlenecks or programmatic gaps • Best practices and enablers	All (group work)
14:30 – 14:45	Feedback from groupwork Output: lessons from programmatic implementation with implications for funding applications and planning	Sabine Verkuijl, facilitator (with chairs) Group representatives
14:45 – 15:10	Driving Demand, Delivering Care: Empowering NTP and CSO Partnerships <i>Collaboration between NTP and Civil Society for effective advocacy and demand generation to safeguard person-centered care</i> Practical exercise to identify opportunities for an empowered and sustained collaboration	Inez de Kruijf – Carter (online) Aisha Linatu Abdulrahman

15:10 – 15:30	Coffee/tea break	
15:30 – 15:45	Aida – A people-centered digital companion for TB care	Elzier Mangunyane
Session 3: TB screening and TB preventive treatment Session chair: Gisela Sendela (NTP Mozambique) and Tom Wingfield (Start4All)		
15:45 – 16:05	TB screening and TB preventive treatment (TPT) Summary of WHO guidance with mentimeter questions Questions and answers/discussion	Avinash Kanchar, WHO
16:05 – 17:00	Country discussions: Small-group discussions with 2-4 countries per group, including partners who rotate across groups, including: • Key achievements • Key bottlenecks or programmatic gaps • Best practices and enablers Considerations and best practices on overcoming barriers and programmatic scale-up of: • Screening with CXR (+/- CAD), C-Reactive Protein and other approaches • Shorter TPT, including rifapentine based regimens • TPT coverage in KVPs, including <5's and PLHIV • TPT for MDR-TB exposure • Best practices on overcoming implementation barriers • Implementation status	All (group work)
17:00 – 17:20	Feedback from groupwork Output: Lessons from programmatic implementation of TB screening and TPT with implications for funding applications and planning	Avinash Kanchar, facilitator (with chairs) Group representatives
17:20 – 17:30	Wrap up of day 1 and looking ahead to day 2	Agnes Gebhard, KNCV and Patricia Hall-Eidson, WHO

Day 2 – 24 June 2026		
Time	Topic	Presenters / discussants
08:30 – 08:45	Housekeeping	Mansa Mbenga, KNCV
08:45 – 08:55	Highlights from day 1	Jean Louis Abena Foe, WHO AFRO
Session 4: Management of TB in children and adolescents		
Session chair: Fodé Danfakha (NTP Senegal) and Mariam Toure (Unitaid)		
08:55 – 09:25	TB in children, adolescents, pregnant and postpartum women Summary of WHO guidance with mentimeter questions Questions and answers/discussion	Sabine Verkuijl, WHO
09:25 – 10:20	Country and partner presentations: ·Finding children in Africa with TB: TACTiC experience of using the treatment decision algorithms ·Implementation experiences with the 4-month regimen for non-severe TB ·Integration of TB in RMNCAH services ·Case finding and shorter treatment of DR-TB in children	Muhammad Umar, TACTiC/MSF Mozambique Josephine Koroma, Sierra Leone Norbert Ndjeka, South Africa (online)
10:20 – 10:30	Discussions	All
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break	
Session 5: TB and comorbidities		
Session chair: Wilbert Bara (NTP Zimbabwe) and Muhammad Umar (MSF)		
10:45 – 11:15	Integrated management of TB/HIV and other comorbidities: Summary of WHO guidance with mentimeter questions Questions and answers/ discussion	Kerri Viney, WHO
11:15 – 12:00	Country discussions: Small-group discussions with 2-4 countries per group, including partners who rotate across groups. Programmatic implementation and best practices on integrated service delivery and updated policies on prevention, screening, diagnosis and management of TB and selected comorbidities (i.e. TB/HIV, TB and undernutrition, TB and multimorbidity, etc.), including: • Key achievements • Key bottlenecks or programmatic gaps • Best practices and enablers	All (group work)

12:00 – 12:30	Feedback from groupwork: Output: lessons from programmatic implementation of the management of TB and comorbidities, with implications for funding applications and planning	Kerri Viney, facilitator (with chairs) Group representatives
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break	
Session 6: Planning group work		
13:30 – 13:45	Groupwork instructions <i>Planning in country groups on the following topics:</i> • <i>DR-TB treatment</i> • <i>TB screening and TPT</i> • <i>Child and adolescent TB</i> • <i>TB and comorbidities</i>	Jean-Louis Abena Foe, WHO AFRO
13:45 – 14:45	Groupwork Rotation 1: Topic 1 of 4	All, facilitated by partners, WHO AFRO, HQ
14:45 – 15:45	Groupwork Rotation 2: Topic 2 of 4	All, facilitated by partners, WHO AFRO, HQ
Flexible	Working coffee/tea	
15:45 – 16:45	Groupwork Rotation 3: Topic 3 of 4	All, facilitated by partners, WHO AFRO, HQ
16:45 – 17:45	Groupwork Rotation 4: Topic 4 of 4	All, facilitated by partners, WHO AFRO, HQ
17:45	Wrap up of day 2 and looking ahead to day 3	Kerri Viney, WHO and Enos Masini, Global Fund

Day 3 – 25 June 2026		
Time	Topic	Presenters / discussants
Session 6b: Planning groupwork feedback		
Session chair: Mansa Mbenga (KNCV) and Lindiwe Mvusi (NTP South Africa)		
08:30 – 08:50	Day 2 highlights	Jean Louis Abena Foe, WHO AFRO
08:50 – 09:50	Feedback from planning groupwork • DR-TB treatment • TB screening and TPT • Child and adolescent TB • TB and comorbidities 15 minutes per topic (2 countries present, others add)	Group representatives
Session 7: Procurement and supply management: "Ensuring Sustainable Access to TB Commodities"		
Session chair: Melanie Kitongo (GF) and NTP Ghana		
09:50 – 10:15	PSM convergence Ensuring Sustainable Access to TB Commodities <i>Presentation</i>	Anna Harusovska, GDF
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee break + NPOC-NAAT demo (optional)	
10:30 – 11:00	Discussion on PSM	All
Session 8: TB Diagnostics Clinic: Achieving Universal Access		
Session chair: Kuzani Mbendera (NTP Malawi) and Aisha Linatu Abdulrahman (RAHAMA)		
11:00 – 12:00	• WHO Standard for universal access to TB diagnostics in the African Region with Resources for WRD Selection, Placement & Implementation • Civil Society perspectives: • TB diagnostic access & NPOC-NAATs • Lessons learned from HIV testing • Global Fund Early Adopter NPOC-NAAT Initiative • CHAI TB mWRD forecast with NPOC-NAATs • Q&A • Introduction to the afternoon session	Patricia Hall-Eidson, WHO (15 min) CSO (10 min) Melanie Kitongo, GF (10 min) CHAI (10 min) All (15 min) Agnes Gebhard, KNCV (5 min)
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break	
13:00 – 14:15	TB Testing Clinic: Experience-based NPOC-NAAT Planning & Implementation <u>Introduction to the session</u> Moderated country experience-sharing: - Panel: Global Fund Early Adopter Countries	Chairs: Patricia Hall-Eidson, WHO & Enos Masini, GF Enos Masini, GF (5 min) Countries: Ethiopia, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, and Zimbabwe (40 min) All (20min)

	- Discussion: Country reflections on common challenges, success factors, and implications for and funding - Audience Q&A	
Session 9: Partner reflection and close Session chair: Ismael Endris (WHO Ethiopia) and Angel Mubanga (NTP Zambia)		
14:15 – 15:15	Panel reflection on the planning country group work (available support and plans for the next 2 to 3 years) <i>Panel, 5-6 minutes each</i>	Georges Perrin (WHO) Mariam Toure (Unitaid) Enos Masini (GF) Agnes Gebhard (KNCV) Umar Muhammed Kareto (MSF) Duke Oteino (KELIN) Aisha Linatu Abdulrahman (RAHAMA)
15:15 – 15:30	Wrap up, next steps and closure of the workshop	Akudo Ikpeazu, WHO AFRO