High-Level Ministerial Forum
“Tuberculosis – a regional emergency”

Copenhagen, 16–17 October 2006

Provisional programme

Monday, 16 October

08:00–09:00 Registration

09:00–10:30 Opening session – the battle for a TB-free Europe
- Welcome by the Chair
- Opening address by a representative of the Presidency of the council of the European Union
- Opening address by a representative of the European Commission
- Opening address by the WHO Regional Director for Europe
- Keynote speech by the WHO Director-General: Global strategy, global plan
- Keynote speech by Director, Division of Technical Support, Reducing Disease Burden, WHO Regional Office for Europe: Context, challenges, bottlenecks and the way forward

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

11:00–12:30 Panel discussion – the threat of tuberculosis to the future of Europe
- Multidrug-resistant (MDR) and incurable tuberculosis
- The perfect storm: MDR tuberculosis and HIV infection
- The social and economic context: prisons, alcohol, homelessness and inequity
- International migration

12:30–13:45 Lunch

13:45–15:15 Panel discussion – Solidarity and partnership between Europeans
- Partnership
- Cross-border cooperation
- Involvement of civil society
- Communication and social mobilization

15:15–15:45 Coffee Break
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15:45–17:00  Panel discussion – bridging the financing divide
  •  Cost-effective tuberculosis control
  •  Financing flows
  •  Investing in a tuberculosis control as a public good – fair shares from western Europe

17:00–17:30  Introducing the Copenhagen Declaration

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Tuesday, 17 October

09:00–10:30  Discussion and finalization of the Copenhagen Declaration

10:30–11:00  Coffee break

11:00–12:30  Establishing a Stop TB Partnership for Europe

12:30–14:00  Lunch

14:00–14:30  Press conference

  14:30  Closure