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**Rationale**

In 2007, we will report on our progress against the 2005 targets. For 2015, the Global Plan to Stop TB and MDG targets, we have been even more ambitious. To enable us address the critical bottlenecks that impede our progress, the Stop TB Partnership needs political engagement at the highest levels.

**Summary**

The Director General of WHO will give the opening address and set the context for a high level round table discussion on how we can reach consensus on joint political engagement in order to achieve 2015 targets.

Discussants will address the political implications of critical challenges such as TB-HIV, XDR-TB, health systems strengthening and financial sustainability and propose possible joint strategic advocacy approaches.

**Decisions requested (from the Stop TB Coordinating Board)**

- To support the recommendations of the high level panel on political engagement, including the possibility of joint advocacy.

**Implications**

- Dependent on recommendations

**Next Steps**

**Action Required:** Implement Recommendations

**Focal Point:** Marcos Espinal/Strategic Adviser

**Timeframe:** To end 2008