## Rationale:

Funding for TB control has increased in recent years, reaching around US$2 billion in 2007 across 90 countries that reported to WHO and that account for about 90% of TB cases globally. However, reaching the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) and related Stop TB Partnership targets set for 2015 will require a major step-up in planning, funding and implementation. Analyses published in the latest WHO annual report on global TB control show that plans, budgets and funding are not in line with what has been set out in the Global Plan in most countries.

## Summary:

This session will have three major components.

The first part of this session will be used to present recent trends in financing for TB control, based on the data published in the 2007 WHO report on global TB control. Particular attention will be given to comparisons of a) plans, budgets and funding as reported by countries for 2006 and 2007 and b) estimates of funding needs set out in the Global Plan for 2006 and 2007.

The second part of the session will be used to present the WHO planning and budgeting tool. This tool was developed during 2006. It is designed to help countries plan and budget in line with the Global Plan, and to use such plans and budgets as the basis for resource mobilization. The development process will be explained, and the main features of the tool as well as the major benefits of using it will be illustrated via a practical demonstration. Practical application and promotion of the tool to date will also be described, and next steps proposed.

The third part of the session will provide an update on progress with the World Bank's Economic Impact Study, and preparations for dissemination of findings.

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

- To endorse the WHO planning and budgeting tool wide dissemination and use
- To agree next steps for the Economic Impact Study
Implications

- None

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