BACKGROUND (INCLUDING PROBLEM STATEMENT):
In August 2012, heads of state of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries signed a Declaration on “TB in the mining sector” – the first heads of state Declaration on TB so far. This initiative was spurred by Coordinating Board members Minister Motsoaledi (South Africa), Minister Xaba (Swaziland) and then Minister Ramatlapeng (Lesotho) who asked the Stop TB Partnership in 2010 at the Board meeting in Johannesburg to take on the regional crisis of TB in the mines.

Since that time, the TB and mining initiative has been a key activity of the Partnership Secretariat with regard to leveraging a multi-sectoral solution and bringing respective partners, including multilaterals, the private sector and civil society, on board. As outlined in the Operational Strategy, the initiative offers a major opportunity to address the emergency levels and disproportionate TB burden in many African countries, by raising political awareness and momentum, working on practical solutions and generating the resource levels required.

SUMMARY/OUTLINE OF THE SESSION:
The session will provide an update on progress since October 2010, when the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board and Secretariat began engaging on this issue, as well as next steps in the development of practical solutions.

Minister Motsoaledi and Dr Asad Alam (World Bank) will present and include reference to the following points:

- SADC Heads of State Declaration and its importance for the region.
- Progress since then: growing political momentum, Swaziland Statement, the establishment of new partnerships (corporate, governments, development partners).
- World Bank engagement and economic dimensions of TB in the mining sector
- Next steps / Discussion

MAJOR DISCUSSION POINTS OR DECISION POINTS REQUESTED:
• NO DECISIONS REQUESTED

Is this a Special Project? (i.e. Should be undertaken for strategic reasons and is currently partially or completely unfunded?)
Yes  No X

If so, what funding is already available?

What is the funding gap?

Are there HR implications? Yes  No X . If so, what?

NEXT STEPS

ACTION REQUIRED: None

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY/OFFICER: J. Spicer

TIMEFRAME: Ongoing