14. Building national and international partnerships to ensure a sustainable response to TB challenges

Thursday, 15 November 2012, 14:30 - 16:30, Room: Conference Hall 2

Description
The financial crisis, TB/HIV co-infection and the rise of drug-resistant TB are stretching the resources of national TB programmes. In order to optimise resource utilisation and minimise duplication of investment, many countries are forming national stop TB partnerships. Advocates are also building partnerships across national borders to accelerate the global response to TB. This symposium will present methods and examples of why and how national partnerships can build a sustainable response to the TB epidemic in their own countries.

Relation to Conference theme
Partnerships help build a sustainable response to TB challenges. TB control requires sustained financing including support to and/or contributions by all stakeholders. Partnerships bring partners together from different sectors to develop and implement shared action plans to tackle TB. After a mapping of resources, partners are able to agree on a common plan with identified roles and responsibilities and move to a joint resource (financial, technical, human) mobilisation strategy.

Target audience
Partnership brokers, country-level implementers, NTP staff, civil society organisations (NGOs, CBOs, FBOs), advocates, private/business sector, donor agencies and staff from multilateral organisations.

Objectives
1) To promote discussion among presenters and the audience on how partnerships at country and international level can help build a sustainable response to the TB epidemic; 2) To encourage the development and strengthening of national stop TB partnerships in all countries.

Keywords
Partnership; financing; service delivery; advocacy, communications and social mobilisation; investment.

Presentations

14:30-14:45 Stop TB Afghanistan: successfully developing a local fundraising strategy
Karam Shah (Afghanistan)

14:50-15:05 Thailand Stop TB Partnership: mitigating the challenges of GFATM grant phasing out
Chawetsan Namwat (Thailand)

15:10-15:25 Stop TB Italia: hosting fundraising events to help high-burden countries in their fight against TB
Giorgio Besozzi (Italy)

15:30-15:45 Vietnam Stop TB Partnership: building a sustainable response to the tuberculosis epidemic
Nguyen Viet Nhung (Viet Nam)

15:50-16:05 Tuberculosis Control Network (TBCN) Nepal: joining forces for the MDR-TB management programme
Kashi Kant Jha (Nepal)

16:10-16:25 Increasing new resources through international advocacy partnerships
Aparna Barua (UK)