Despite commitments by countries to end TB as part of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the WHO End TB Strategy, and the Global Plan to End TB 2016-2020, these commitments will be elevated to Heads of State at the First-Ever UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on TB, scheduled for September 2018.

To address the shortfall, 120 Ministers and other health leaders, and 800 Partners including civil society, came together at the First WHO Global Ministerial Conference on Ending TB in November 2017.

To move faster, the countries of South-East Asia Regions, which together bear 45% of the global TB burden, came together in the Delhi End TB Summit in March 2018 to commit to ambitious actions to end TB in the region.

The High-Level Meeting on TB should result in an ambitious political declaration to accelerate efforts to end TB that will strengthen action and investments towards ending TB, saving millions of lives.

All stakeholders - governments, UN agencies, partners, civil society, private sector actors, research and academia, health care providers, and the general public - can and should play an important role in securing commitment at the highest level.