



Stop TB Partnership and WEF roundtable discussion

Stop TB Partnership Raises the Flag for the UN High-Level Meeting (HLM) on TB at the World Health Assembly Week

May 21-25, Geneva: The Stop TB Partnership participated in numerous meetings and side events during the 71st World Health Assembly (WHA), of the World Health Organization (WHO), and extensively used the opportunity to speak widely about the first ever [UN HLM on TB](#) on September 26. At the official proceedings of the WHA, the Stop TB Partnership made a statement about the UN HLM on TB while highlighting the key asks from TB stakeholders and communities as well as the need for a strong accountability framework to be discussed and endorsed at the UN HLM and elevated to the Heads of State and Government level.

Geneva has a long tradition of bringing together countries, stakeholders, partners, NGOs, UN agencies and international organizations during the third week of May to discuss important issues the global health space faces every day. This year, the WHA took place from 21-25 May and the Stop TB Partnership lined up key events and leveraged speaking opportunities during the busy week to advocate and call for an ambitious UN HLM on TB and daring actions needed to put the world on course to end TB by 2030.

Stop TB and WEF Join Hands for an Enhanced Private Sector Engagement on UN HLM on TB

To kickstart the week, Stop TB organized a roundtable discussion in partnership with the World Economic Forum (WEF) on “Barriers in-country adoption and access to new, quality assured TB innovations: the role of multisectoral collaboration in bridging the gap.” The STBP-WEF roundtable was chaired by Hon. Aaron Motsoaledi, Minister of Health from South Africa, who is also the chair of the Stop TB Partnership board. The session comprised high level discussions amongst guests including Hon. Yalzhan Birtanov, Minister of Health from Kazakhstan, Hon. Boris Gîlca General Secretary of State, Moldova and other key partners from the civil society and the private sector.

At another side event organized by the Access to Medicines Foundation, supported by WEF, Dr. Lucica Ditiu spoke passionately about the role of the Stop TB Partnership and the game changers needed to End TB.

Together with WHO, Stop TB Partnership facilitated a focused discussion on the importance of participation of BRICS heads of state in the UN HLM. The meeting was attended by the Ministers of Health of India, South Africa and China along with representatives from Brazil and Russia. The Ministers discussed the importance of the BRICS Research and Development network, increase in TB funding and technology transfer between countries to accelerate the goal to End TB by 2030.



Minister of Health of South Africa and Chair of the Stop TB Partnership's Board, Aaron Matsoaledi and India Health Minister Jagat Nadda

In addition, the Stop TB Partnership co-hosted an event with the Global Health Council, ACTION and Devex on building integrated and resilient health systems to tackle the numerous health challenges that we face in the world today.

WHO Global TB Programme and StopTB Partnership jointly organized an event at the Palais, attended to discuss the next steps towards a successful interactive Civil Society Hearing and UN HLM on TB. The Stop TB Partnership highlighted the need to widen engagement with the public who are unaware about TB in order to increase awareness about TB and widen the impact. The event was attended by TB stakeholders and community representatives.



Left to right: Dr. Lucica Ditiu, Executive Director of the Stop TB Partnership, Minister of Health of India, Jagat Nadda and WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus at the WHO open-air event ahead of the WHA week in Geneva.

Stop TB Partnership's Global Drug Facility (GDF) spoke at an event organized by the Geneva Graduate Institute on transitioning in the context of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and outlined how GDF is creating markets for TB drugs and on the role of innovation in health financing.

Later in the week, the Stop TB Partnership welcomed participants at the new Global Health Campus to an event co-organized with Johnson & Johnson, Ikana Health Action Lab and the Global Fund on transcending boundaries to tackle drug resistance in TB, Malaria and HIV/AIDS.

In case you missed it, the UN foundation + Social Good caught up with our Executive Director and you can watch the video [here](#).