CALL FOR PAPERS

Developing a Rights-Based Approach to TB

5 - 6 December, 2014
New Delhi, India

The University of Chicago Center in Delhi
All India Institute of Medical Sciences

TB and Human Rights

The global TB crisis remains at epidemic proportions. In 2012, there were approximately 8.6 million new cases of TB and 1.3 million deaths from TB—nearly 3,600 deaths a day. An estimated 26% of all global incidences of TB occurred in India alone. The central truth about the TB crisis in India is that social and economic factors and structural barriers drive the epidemic. A rights-based approach to TB will focus on the underlying social and economic determinants and establish the rights of people living with and vulnerable to TB. The approach will articulate the legal obligations of governments and non-state actors, such as private health providers and drug manufacturers, to ensure good quality TB testing and treatment are available and accessible. And it will focus on the state’s obligation to effectively regulate the health sector and ensure adequate, equitable and sustainable funding for TB prevention and treatment.

Conference Details

In an effort to generate and promote thought, dialogue and policy actions surrounding a rights-based approach to TB, the organizers will hold a conference 5 - 6 December, 2014 in New Delhi, India at the University of Chicago Center in Delhi. The conference will be co-hosted by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). The organizers hope to include stakeholders and partners from India and around the world. Participants will range across a number of disciplines and professions, including medical professionals, lawyers, academics, community members, policy makers, and others. The goal is to promote cross-disciplinary thought, dialogue and action on developing and implementing a rights-based approach to TB. The conference will consist of panel discussions and workshops on various subjects related to human rights and TB. Limited funding will be available for conference participants based on need.

Conference Publication

Health and Human Rights will be publishing a special issue in June 2016 on TB and human rights. Select papers from the conference will be featured in the publication, along with submissions from authors not participating in the conference. Health and Human Rights is a peer-reviewed open access journal under the editorship of Partners in Health co-founder Paul Farmer, is published semiannually, with new issues released in June and December.
**Paper Topics**

Potential paper topics will span across a broad range of issues pertaining to TB and human rights. Topics may include:

- Rights of people living with and vulnerable to TB
  - Right to health, right to access testing and treatment, right to nondiscrimination, right to privacy, right to informed consent, right to information, right to participation in health-related decision-making processes
- Availability of TB and MDR-TB medicines and diagnostics
  - Research and development, and procurement
- Access to TB and MDR-TB medicines and diagnostics
  - Pricing, intellectual property, and other barriers to access
- Underlying social and economic factors as drivers of the TB epidemic
- Private sector regulation and delivery of evidence-based TB care
- Government obligations vis-à-vis people living with and vulnerable to TB
- Human rights benchmarks and indicators for TB monitoring and evaluation
- Litigation and other legal interventions to increase access to TB testing and treatment and to protect the rights of people living with and vulnerable to TB
- Global health governance for TB

**Submission Details**

- Abstracts must be submitted by **1 October, 2014**, emailed as a Word document or PDF attachment to abstracts@tbrights.org (please CC citro@uchicago.edu).
- Abstracts must be 500 words or less in length

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