



Message from Chair- Global Coalition of TB Activists- Blessina Kumar

On behalf of GCTA I'm delighted to welcome Lusiana Aprilawati, Regional Focal Point for South East Asia and Sarah Kirk, Regional Focal Point for Western Pacific region.

Lusiana aka Lusi is from Indonesia and is part of a TB affected community group 'Japeti' and has the experience of setting up and working with MDR patient groups in Indonesia. Sarah Kirk is from Australia, lives in Cambodia and works as the Global Health Campaigns' Director for RESULTS International Australia.

Sarah is an experienced project manager with a Masters in Public Health. She focuses on advocacy, resource mobilization and working with key populations to frame them at the center of the response.

In a new initiative GCTA steering Committee has included alternate Regional Focal Point persons to work closely with the RFPs and support the regional work.

We also welcome the alternates Bertrand Kampoer (Cameroun), Kathy Eridania (Dominican Republic), Safar Naimov (Tajikistan), Ahmed Abdelgawad (Egypt), and Surya Prakash (India).

The Global Coalition of Tuberculosis Activists (GCTA) is a coalition of TB affected communities and their representatives aiming to bring together activists from diverse backgrounds and regions to ensure TB affected communities are at the center of all processes on TB.

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