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***First Meeting of the Core Group of the  
Subgroup on Introducing New Tools and Approaches (INAT)***

**12 November 2010**

**Berlin, Germany**

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## **Background**

The Subgroup for Introducing New Approaches and Tools (INAT) was established by the Stop TB Partnership as part of the DOTS Expansion Working Group. The main aim of the INAT Subgroup is to ensure that TB endemic countries have access to relevant and timely information and technical assistance to enable the rapid evaluation and introduction of new tools, policies and approaches for TB prevention and control. INAT will ensure that researchers and product developers have access to relevant and timely information from TB endemic countries to enable targeted research and the establishment of an evidence base that will support development of appropriate new tools and enable their rapid introduction.

The members of the core group of the INAT Subgroup include representatives from country programme managers, diagnostic and field experts, international technical partners and donor agencies.

The overall objective of the meeting will be to discuss the strategy, work plan and future directions of the INAT Subgroup.

## **Specific objectives**

The meeting will have the following specific objectives:

- To review the INAT Subgroup work plan and activities

- To discuss ways to promote the introduction of new tools and approaches in countries
- To strengthen collaboration between the INAT Subgroup and other working groups of the Stop TB Partnership
- To discuss and jointly develop a communication plan

**Expected outcomes**

1. Comprehensive work plan highlighting lead members for each activity and timelines
2. Draft framework of the operational guide on introducing new tools and approaches
3. Plan of action on strengthening INAT collaboration with other working groups
4. Communication plan
5. Recommendations for future work

## Provisional Agenda

<b>12 November 2010</b>		
<i>Session I: Introduction</i>		
14:00 - 14:15	Welcome and opening remarks by Subgroup Chair	<i>Christy Hanson</i>
14:15 - 14:30	Objectives and agenda	<i>Leopold Blanc</i>
<i>Session II: Scaling up the work of the INAT Subgroup</i>		
14:30 - 14:50	Uptake of new tools and approaches by countries-Survey	<i>Leopold Blanc</i>
14:50 - 15:10	INAT operational guide framework	<i>Christy Hanson</i>
15:10 - 15:30	Strengthening commitment- INAT work plan	<i>All</i>
15:30 - 15:45	Discussion	
<i>COFFEE 15:45 – 16:00</i>		
<i>Session III: Strengthening collaboration</i>		
16:00-16:20	INAT and the research movement	<i>Christian Lienhardt</i>
16:20-16:40	Xpert MTB-RIF	<i>Leopold Blanc</i>
16:40-17:00	Feedback and updates from working group focal points	<i>Rachel Bauquerez Anne Detjen Elizabeth Gardiner Claire Wingfield</i>
17:00 - 17:15	Discussion	
<i>Session IV: Communication</i>		
17:15 - 17:30	Communication plan	<i>Claire Wingfield</i>
17:30 - 17:45	Discussion	
<i>Session V: Closing</i>		
17:45 - 17:55	Next steps	<i>All</i>
17:55 - 18:00	Closing remarks	<i>Christy Hanson</i>