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Dr RV Asokan
Dr RV Asokan is the Indian Medical Association national coordinator for TB.

Dr Erlina Burhan
Dr Erlina Burhan, a chest physician, is a representative of the Indonesian Respiratory Association.

Dr Joseph Sitenei
Dr Joseph Sitenei is the Director of Kenya’s National Leprosy and Tuberculosis Programme.

Dr Martin Castellanos
Dr Martin Castellanos is the Director of the national TB programme of Mexico.

Dr Mao Tan Eang
Dr Mao Tan Eang is the Director of the National Centre for Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control (CENAT) in Cambodia.

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Group Work and Conclusion
Chair: Dr Phil Hopewell

14:00 - 16:00  Group Work (inclusive of coffee break)

16:00 - 17:00  Plenary
Rapporteurs from each group will present the outcome of their discussion on specific topics. The groups will then take questions from the audience with guidance from the Chair.

17:00 - 17:30  Conclusion
Dr Marcos Espinal and Dr Mario Raviglione will share their observations at the conclusion of the meeting.

Dr Marcos Espinal
Dr Marcos Espinal is the Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership.

Dr Mario Raviglione
Dr Mario Raviglione is the Director of the Stop TB Department at the World Health Organization.

17:30 - 18:30  Briefing on the planned Ministerial Meeting on MDR-TB in Beijing, 2009
Dr Hiroki Nakatani will introduce the planned Ministerial Meeting on MDR-TB in Beijing followed by a detailed briefing by Dr Mario Raviglione and Dr Paul Nunn - who coordinates WHO’s work on TB/HIV and drug resistance.

Dr Hiroki Nakatani
Dr Hiroki Nakatani is the Assistant Director-General of the HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases Cluster at the World Health Organization.
The Stop TB Partnership's DOTS Expansion Working Group (DEWG), a network of key stakeholders in global TB control, coordinates efforts to strengthen and expand basic TB control globally with a focus on 22 high TB-burden Countries.

In many Countries, involvement of the private health care providers is crucial to bringing about effective TB care and control. WHO's Stop TB Strategy envisages engagement of all care providers using public-private and public-public mix approaches and the International Standards for Tuberculosis Care (ISTC). The ISTC presents 17 standards that, taken together, describe a widely accepted level of care that all health professionals, public and private, should seek to achieve in dealing with TB symptoms and patients. One of the main intents of the ISTC is to unify approaches to diagnosis and treatment between the public and private sectors. In addition, the ISTC provides a framework by which to analyse constraints to the full range of essential TB care services and to foster and facilitate private-public collaborations. In several Countries professional associations are a powerful ally of national TB programmes and perhaps the only effective conduit through which private clinicians may be reached in a systematic manner. Mobilization of professional associations therefore could go a long way in linking private practitioners effectively to national TB programmes.

On the occasion of the 2008 Union conference, the DOTS Expansion Working Group (DEWG) in collaboration with ATS has organized this meeting specifically to sensitize and mobilize leaders of health professional associations for active collaboration in TB control. Participants will include representatives of professional associations from high TB-burden and other high TB-incidence Countries, national TB programme managers, and national and international partners. A detailed description of the programme for the meeting is presented in the next few pages.

**Goal:**
To mobilize professional associations to help foster effective collaboration between national TB programmes and private health care providers.

**Objectives:**
1. To sensitize leaders of professional associations on TB control to the Stop TB Strategy and ISTC.
2. To share experiences on engagement of professional associations in TB control in diverse country settings.
3. To provide a platform for exchange of ideas between national TB programme managers and leaders of professional associations for implementing ISTC.
4. To discuss ways to enable professional associations to contribute to national and global efforts to control TB.

**Opening Session**
Chair: Dr J.M. Chakaya
09:00 - 09:15 Opening of meeting & review of objectives
This introductory presentation will provide context on the purpose of the meeting. Discussion will also include some history of the Stop TB Partnership, the DOTS Expansion Working group and outline the need for professional associations and national TB programmes to collaborate their efforts.

Dr J.M. Chakaya
Dr Jeremiah Muheza Chakaya, is Chief Research Officer at the Centre for Respiratory Diseases Research, Chair of the DOTS Expansion Working Group and Vice Chair of the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board.

09:15 - 09:30 Global TB control: progress and challenges
This presentation will provide a broad overview of the current status of TB control in the world and the way forward.

Dr Léopold Blanc
Dr Léopold Blanc coordinates WHO's work on TB strategy and health systems. He is also the secretary of the DOTS Expansion Working Group.

09:30 - 09:45 Engaging all care providers in TB control: ISTC and role of professional associations
This presentation will examine the progress made in engaging all care providers in TB control, the beginnings and purpose of the International Standards for TB care and how health professional associations can utilize the ISTC to motivate and train their members.

Dr Phil Hopewell
Dr Phil Hopewell is a Professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). He was the former President of the American Thoracic Society(ATS) and is the Chair of the PPM Subgroup.