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AMBASSADOR ERIC GOOSBY, MD

NEW CHAIR OF THE GLOBAL TB/HIV WORKING GROUP

Ambassador Eric Goosby, MD was announced as the new Chair of the Global TB/HIV Working Group at the 19th Core Group meeting held in Washington on 11-12 February 2014. Having stepped down from his position as United States Global AIDS Coordinator (2009-2013) where he led all US Government international HIV efforts, he is currently heading a new centre on implementation science at University of California, San Francisco's Global Health Sciences. Ambassador Goosby's 30 years of experience in HIV began at San Francisco General Hospital; he became associate medical director of the AIDS Clinic in 1987. During the Clinton administration, he served as Deputy Director of the White House National Policy Office and Director of the Office of HIV/AIDS Policy of the US Department of Health and Human Services. From 2001 until 2009, Ambassador Goosby was CEO and Chief Medical Officer of Pangea Global AIDS Foundation, playing a key role in the development and implementation of HIV/AIDS national treatment scale-up plans in Rwanda, South Africa, China, and Ukraine.

As US Global AIDS Coordinator, he worked hard to advance the TB/HIV agenda, improve its visibility and ensure its prominence in the PEPFAR Blue Print for an AIDS Free Generation. He has also served on the Board of the Global Fund, representing the US Government. Ambassador Goosby's new appointment offers an ideal opportunity to further enhance the global TB/HIV response and optimise coordination and action between key TB and HIV stakeholders to catalyse and intensify country level scale-up.