

SY B. Fighting TB in the post-2015 era:  
reaching global health targets through  
community participation

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IMBIZO Hall 4B

Type of session Symposium

Track Civil society / patient & community engagement

Description We need to give affected communities a voice in order to shed light on their crucial role in the conception, design and implementation of local, tailor-made TB care. In the post-2015 era, the fight against TB cannot be business as usual: it is as much a social as a medical struggle and requires engagement on the ground if tangible success is to be recorded. A precondition for this is a robust TB community movement that is fully recognised and has its strengths harnessed by all partners. This will allow them to effectively deal with the challenges currently confronting affected communities.

Target audience

1. National TB programmes, donors, CSOs
2. key affected populations, (former-) TB patients and activists
3. international organisations, non-governmental organisations, consultants

Objectives

1. Demonstrate the need for a community movement as a denominator for success in the fight against TB
2. Explain the role that local communities can play in the move towards patient-centred approaches
3. Identify coping strategies for communities that allow them to address the social aspect of TB care
4. Explain the potential of patient groups in the conception, implementation and monitoring of TB programmes
5. Document and share different successful patient group initiatives and provide lessons learnt

Keywords Civil society organisations; community-driven interventions; tuberculosis

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Presentations

**16:00 - 16:10** Civil society's participation in the Global Fund processes: lessons from the Country Coordinating Mechanisms  
Nonna Turusbekova (Netherlands)

**16:10 - 16:20** Establishing national partnerships involving communities: the case of Tajikistan  
Abdusamad Latifov (Tajikistan)

**16:20 - 16:30** Advocating for patients' rights and setting up patient groups  
Tsira Chakhaia (Georgia)

**16:30 - 16:40** Peer-to-peer support in Romania: lessons learnt  
Catalina Constantin (Romania)

**16:40 - 16:50** Human rights are not an afterthought: Developing programmes that respect human rights and empowering patient groups to monitor them  
Jonathan Stillo (USA)

**16:50 - 17:00** Discussion