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8th FIND SYMPOSIUM

Thursday 3 December 2015, 13:30 - 17:00

CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa
Roof Terrace Room, Level 2

OVERVIEW

The FIND symposium will discuss the priority challenges in TB diagnostics development and implementation that need to be addressed in order to support the targets set by the End TB Strategy. In the first part of the session, FIND and partners will provide an update on the TB diagnostics pipeline and review recent advances in biomarker discovery, molecular technologies and connectivity.

Panel discussion: “Improving private sector access to quality diagnostics”

The second part of the session will involve a panel discussion on the theme of *“Improving private sector access to quality diagnostics”*. While TB is a major public health issue, a high number of patients in many high-burden countries and particularly in Asia seek care in the private health care sector, which is often associated with limited adherence to guidelines and considerable treatment delays. The private sector in HBDCs is not eligible for concessional pricing and quality diagnostics are often very expensive. So far, the response to these challenges has mainly relied on public-private mix efforts, but novel systematic and sustainable approaches are needed to reach these patients and ensure that they have access to quality-assured diagnosis. A multi-disciplinary panel will discuss solutions to address the issue of private sector integration and consider how economic growth and technological advances offer new opportunities for achieving universal access to quality TB care.

Agenda overleaf

AGENDA

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Chairperson

Bill Rodriguez, Chief Medical Officer, FIND

13:30-15:00 Part I - Symposium

Welcome address, Bill Rodriguez

Priority challenges in TB diagnostics development and implementation

TB Diagnostics Pipeline – An update, Claudia Denkinger, Head of TB Programme, FIND

Highlights from the development pipeline

- Evolution of the sequencing technology: Ready for patient management? Timothy Rodwell, FIND
- News on the development of Xpert: Ultra, XDR and treatment monitoring, David Alland, Rutgers University
- Bringing connected diagnostics to scale: opportunities and challenges, Chris Isaacs, FIND

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-16:00 Part I - Symposium *(continued)*

Improving patient access to quality and rapid diagnosis

- Lessons learnt from Xpert implementation and holistic solutions required for the successful scale-up of Omni, Wendy Stevens, National Health Laboratory Services, South Africa
- What will it take to control TB in Tanzania, Beatrice Mutayoba, National TB Programme, Tanzania

16:00-17:00 Part II - Panel discussion

“Improving private sector access to quality diagnostics”

Moderator: Madhukar Pai, McGill International TB Centre

Why we need a private sector access strategy

Panel

Harkesh Dabas, Clinton Health Access Initiative

Renuka Gadde, Becton Dickinson

Janet Ginnard, UNITAID

Aamir Kahn, Interactive Research & Development (IRD)

Sunil Khaparde, National TB Programme India

Sanjay Sarin, FIND India