

34. MDR-TB: a complex disease requiring a comprehensive health system response

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Saturday, 05 December 2015, 13:30 - 15:00

Ballroom East-CTICC

Type of session	Symposium
Track	Drug-resistant TB care and treatment, including trials
Track2 (optional)	HIV and TB co-infection
Description	Inadequate health services have contributed to the failure to contain TB and the development of drug-resistant strains. The WHO strategy on people-centred and integrated health services identifies four core priorities for health systems: empowering people, strengthening engagement and accountability, coordinating services and setting and implementing system priorities. Engaging researchers, donors, practitioners and civil society, this participatory session will discuss contextualised experiences and solutions for each of the four priorities.
Target audience	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TB programme managers, policymakers 2. Healthcare professionals, advocates 3. Researchers, donors
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To share patient experiences of MDR-TB services 2. To highlight the importance of functional health systems 3. To contextualise the four health systems priorities providing examples of solutions 4. To discuss how health system strengthening improves TB services and visa versa
Keywords	MDR-TB; HIV; health systems
Coordinator(s)	Marian Loveday (South Africa), Amy Israel (Switzerland)
Chair(s)	Glenda Gray (UK)
Presentations	<p>13:30 - 13:45 A typical patient's journey: how the health system fails the patient Marian Loveday (South Africa)</p> <p>13:50 - 14:05 Patient and healthcare worker experiences of MDR-TB management Makhuze P Mbiko (South Africa)</p> <p>14:10 - 14:25 Implementing systems solutions: working alongside government to integrate MDR-TB and HIV care in South Africa Neel Gandhi (USA)</p> <p>14:30 - 14:45 Strengthening engagement and accountability: Global Fund investment in health systems strengthening Mark Dybul (Switzerland)</p> <p>14:50 - 15:00 Discussion</p>