Symposium
Drug-resistant TB care and treatment, including trials
HIV and TB co-infection

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
1. TB programme managers, policymakers
2. Healthcare professionals, advocates
3. Researchers, donors

Objectives
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

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Chair(s)
Glenda Gray (UK)

Presentations

13:30 - 13:45  A typical patient's journey: how the health system fails the patient
Marian Loveday (South Africa)

13:50 - 14:05  Patient and healthcare worker experiences of MDR-TB management
Makhuze P Mbiko (South Africa)

14:10 - 14:25  Implementing systems solutions: working alongside government to integrate MDR-TB and HIV care in South Africa
Neel Gandhi (USA)

14:30 - 14:45  Strengthening engagement and accountability: Global Fund investment in health systems strengthening
Mark Dybul (Switzerland)

14:50 - 15:00  Discussion