

40. Reinforcing research for TB elimination at the country level: experiences from path-finding countries

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Ballroom West-Westin

Type of session Symposium

Track Advancing the End TB strategy and other policy issues

Description New tools and strategies for TB care and control are necessary to eliminate TB. This requires strengthened research which develops TB-specific agendas, particularly within the countries most affected by tuberculosis and based on a thorough understanding of each country's specific characteristics. Strengthened TB research capacity at the country level will contribute to global TB research efforts and progress. In this context, work is being undertaken by a group of path-finding countries to explore approaches to operationalise the research pillar of the new WHO End-TB Strategy.

Target audience

1. Researchers, scientists, academia
2. TB programme managers
3. Health policymakers, NGOs, donors

Objectives

1. To describe the approach by path-finding countries implementing the research pillar of the End-TB Strategy
2. To share lessons learned
3. To discuss how approaches can be extended to other TB-endemic countries
4. To explore means of scale-up in low- and middle-income countries

Keywords End-TB Strategy; TB control; research

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Presentations **13:30 - 13:40** Implementing pillar 3 of the WHO End-TB Strategy at the country level
Christian Lienhardt (Switzerland), Richard Menzies (Canada)

13:45 - 13:55 Strengthening research capacity through a national network of researchers: an example from Brazil
Afranio Kritski (Brazil)

14:00 - 14:10 Developing a national TB research strategy: an example from Kenya
Jeremiah Chakaya Muhwa (Kenya)

14:15 - 14:25 Undertaking the full spectrum of research in a TB-endemic country: an example from South Africa
Valerie Mizrahi (South Africa)

14:30 - 14:40 The potential of research hubs: an example from the Swedish institutional collaboration
Knut Lonnroth (Switzerland)

14:45 - 15:00 Discussion