

52. Developing a rights-based approach to prevention and treatment of tuberculosis

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Type of session Symposium

Track Advancing the End TB strategy and other policy issues

Description Human rights and TB is a neglected field. In 2014, The Global Fund analysed 117 concept notes. None of the standalone TB concept notes included interventions for human rights. However, human rights, and the right to health in particular, must be used as tools to promote prevention and increase access to testing and treatment for TB. In contrast to traditional approaches, the rights-based approach focuses on underlying socio-economic determinants, articulates the rights of people living with and vulnerable to TB and establishes the legal obligations of governments and non-state actors.

Target audience

1. National TB programmes, technical partners, CSOs, donors
2. Community-based organisations, key affected populations, (former-) TB patients
3. Activists, international organisations, freelance consultants

Objectives

1. Increase understanding of human rights and the right to health
2. Use human rights as tool to increase access to testing and treatment for TB, including for MDR- and XDR-TB
3. Discuss how a rights-based approach to TB can be implemented in low- and middle-income countries
4. Initiate dialogue and provide examples of how key affected populations may utilise a rights-based approach
5. Stimulate multi-sector collaboration to tackle legal barriers as part of the TB response

Keywords Human rights; civil society organisations; community-driven interventions; tuberculosis; key affected populations; The Global Fund; capacity building; country dialogue; MDR-TB

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Presentations **15:30 - 15:45** The role of human rights in TB prevention and treatment: lessons from Haiti

15:50 - 16:05 Incorporating rights into TB legislation: lessons from Romania
Jonathan Stillo (USA)

16:10 - 16:25 Protecting the rights of people with TB through litigation
Malleche Allan (Kenya)

16:30 - 16:45 Empowering women and children through a rights-based approach to TB
Prabha Mahesh (India)

16:50 - 17:00 Discussion