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Type of session	Symposium
Track	Civil society / patient & community engagement
Description	Community organizations and networks have the unique ability to interact with TB-affected communities and and react quickly to their needs. They provide direct services to the communities and advocate for improved programming and policy environments which enable better health outcomes and influence the development, reach and oversight of the public system. Despite this important contribution, the question of whether or not investing in strengthening these community systems is worthwhile continues to dominate public domain. An understanding of the benefit community systems provide and strengthening their involvement in TB response is critical to improving TB care.
Target audience	**1.** Civil society, TB-affected communities **2.** National TB programmers, decision makers, policymakers **3.** National and international donor, private sector
Objectives	**1.** Increase understanding of community systems strengthening in the context of TB **2.** Showcase the evidence that exists on the added value and impact of innovative community systems initiatives **3.** Begin a discussion on best methodologies and tools that capture the community systems and building evidence
Keywords	Community systems strengthening; service delivery; impact
Coordinator(s)	Colleen Daniels (USA)
Chair(s)	Kate Thomson (Switzerland)
Presentations	**15:30 - 15:40** Involvement of network of people in Direct Observed Treatment (DOT) in TB service outreach in Afghanistan Ataulhaq Sanaie (Afghanistan) **15:45 - 15:55** Community-based monitoring and evaluation in Uganda: ensuring TB services delivered by public and private sectors are available and accessible Paddy Masembe (Uganda) **16:00 - 16:10** Contributions of communities in improving case detection in rural Ethiopia through TB REACH Datiko Daniel Gemechu (Ethiopia) **16:15 - 16:25** Expanding TB diagnosis and community-based TB management through community systems in Bangladesh Shayla Islam (Bangladesh) **16:30 - 16:40** Tools for mapping community service delivery: Southern Africa Trust and The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria Gareth Coats (South Africa) **16:45 - 17:00** Discussion