

Side event application / Formulaire de demande de réunion parallèle**Contact**

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Concept

Description of proposed side event, including objective, expected results, proposed programme and speakers* /
Description de la réunion parallèle proposée, y compris les objectifs, les résultats attendus, l'ordre du jour et les orateurs* :

Background: Tuberculosis (TB) is the leading killer from an infectious agent worldwide, the leading killer of people with HIV infection and a leading cause of death from anti-microbial resistant infections, taking heavy tolls on human lives, communities and health systems at large. The World Health Organization estimates that TB caused illness in 10.4 million people and claimed 1.7 million lives in 2016 alone. The End TB Strategy, developed by the WHO in 2014 lays ambitious goals and milestones to end the epidemic by reducing incidence and mortality by 80% and 90% in 2030 compared to 2015.

Research and innovation is one of the three essential pillars for the attainment of these goals. Despite current efforts, the global pace of decline in TB incidence remains stubbornly slow. To accelerate progress, Ministers during the *First WHO Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Tuberculosis in the Sustainable Development Era: A Multisectoral Response* committed in the Moscow Declaration to advance research and development, as well as rapid uptake, of new and more effective tools for diagnosis, treatment, drug regimens, and prevention including vaccination, and ensure that existing and emerging knowledge are translated into concrete action to achieve rapid results.

Aligned with this commitment, Brazil, Russian Federation, India, China and South Africa launched in November 2017 a collaborative research network (BRICS TB Research Network) to jointly intensify efforts and increase funding in congruence with global efforts, to achieve the goals and targets of the END TB strategy, in the context of the SDGs. A Meeting in Delhi India further strengthened BRICS efforts in TB research. The year 2018 is an important year for reinforced collaboration and partnerships with opportunities commencing from the upcoming United Nations General Assembly high-level meeting on TB. The imperative to achieve the SDG and End TB targets demands that we take the existing political momentum to increase and sustain the necessary socio-political and financial commitments required to end the devastation associated with TB, and this includes action on TB R&D.

Objectives:

- Advocacy for the United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on TB
- To report on the progress of the BRICS TB research network, which was formally launched during the First WHO Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Tuberculosis in the Sustainable Development Era: A Multisectoral Response (Moscow, November 2017) with a view to make research for *health for all* possible through joint action;
- To discuss the need for increased investment in health research, including TB, for the development of innovative tools (diagnostics, medicines, vaccines and other medical technologies) while ensuring equitable access to vital technologies;
- To discuss on ways Member States can move towards a closer solidarity in TB R&D efforts, in view of the United Nations General Assembly high-level meeting on TB (September 2018).

Programme:

Moderator: Minister of Health, Russian Federation

Panellists (5 min each):

- Minister of Health, South Africa and Chair,
- Minister of Health and Family Welfare, India
- Minister of Health, Brazil
- Minister in Charge of the National Health and Family Planning Commission, China
- Product development partnerships
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Outcome

A summary which will be circulated to all Member States and other stakeholders with a view to increase support towards ending TB during the United Nations General Assembly high-level meeting on TB (September 2018), including increased the *TB R&D and financing* for research for the urgent development and swift adoption of innovative tools and strategic interventions critical to the fight against TB.

Event details / details de la réunion

Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus : 150

Exact title of the meeting/Titre exact de la réunion:

Towards Ending TB – 'BRICS' efforts to achieve Universal Health Coverage in the context of preparations for the UN High Level Meeting on TB.

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*Badges/ Badges d'accès

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