

Preparation for a high-level meeting of the General Assembly on ending tuberculosis

Development process for a draft multisectoral accountability framework to accelerate progress to end tuberculosis

Report by the Director-General

1. The Executive Board at its 142nd session in January 2018 noted a report and adopted resolution EB142.R3 on preparation for a high-level meeting of the General Assembly on ending tuberculosis.¹ In the resolution, the Board requested the Director-General to develop, working in close collaboration with all relevant partners, “a draft multisectoral accountability framework that enables the monitoring, reporting, review and actions needed to accelerate progress to end tuberculosis”, and to submit the draft for consideration by the Seventy-first World Health Assembly, and for presentation at the high-level meeting in 2018 of the United Nations General Assembly on ending tuberculosis.
2. This document lays out the plan of activities undertaken by the Secretariat, working closely with key partners, over the period 1 February to 23 April 2018, in response to the request of the Board and in order to ensure that a draft document on a multisectoral accountability framework is available for the Health Assembly’s consideration at the earliest possible date.
3. The chronology of activities undertaken is as follows.
 - 1–28 February 2018: A background document was produced on: common core elements of accountability mechanisms and frameworks in other fields of global health and sectors beyond health; and existing accountability elements in the tuberculosis response at country, global and regional levels.
 - 1–2 March 2018: A WHO stakeholder consultation on “Defining elements of a draft TB accountability framework” was held in Geneva with participants with expertise and perspectives from health ministries, development agencies, affected persons, civil society, academia, and technical and strategic support organizations. The objectives of the consultation were to discuss what an accountability framework is, why such a framework is

¹ See document EB142/16 and the summary records of the Executive Board at its 142nd session, ninth meeting, section 1.

needed to accelerate progress to end the tuberculosis epidemic, what can be learned from accountability mechanisms and frameworks in other fields, and to define what elements might be useful for the tuberculosis response at country, global and/or regional levels, building on what exists today.

- 5–20 March 2018: Additional informal discussions were held with national representatives and other stakeholders.
- 23 March 2018: The report of the stakeholder consultation was shared with participants for review.
- 9–13 April 2018: A draft accountability framework document was posted online¹ on 9 April with an invitation for public comment and a deadline of 13 April. All Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva were duly informed of the public consultation.
- 23 April 2018: The final draft document was submitted for editing, high-level clearance and posting on the governing body pages on the WHO website for the Seventy-first World Health Assembly.²

4. In May, the draft multisectoral accountability framework document³ will be considered by the Seventy-first World Health Assembly.

ACTION BY THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

5. The Health Assembly is invited to consider the framework document contained in document A71/16 Add.1.

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¹ At www.who.int/tb.

² http://apps.who.int/gb/e/e_wha71.html.

³ Document A71/16 Add.1.