

# 45. Partnerships: working for community-driven impact to ensure quality care for persons affected by TB

Saturday, 01 November 2014, 09:15 - 11:15

Room 120/121



**Type** Symposium

**Track** Civil Society

**Topic** Partnerships

**Description** This Symposium highlights the vital role of TB activists, community networks/coalitions, and community driven strategies to bring about policy change and to engage communities including patients, family members and civil society organisations to help reduce the burden of TB, MDR-TB and TB-HIV. Presenters will share initiatives and strategies that have amplified TB efforts at global, regional and national levels and help identify, reduce and remove barriers to timely detection and to improve access to comprehensive services, ensuring adherence and treatment completion.

**Target audience** People affected by TB, Community and global advocates, activists, NTP staff, civil society organisations (NGOs, CBOs, and FBOs), donor agencies, health care professionals, policy-makers.

**Objectives**

1. To promote discussion, exchange experience, and highlight best practices of different strategic coalitions.
2. To highlight community approaches that reduce barriers to detection, diagnosis & treatment.

**Keywords** Networks; coalitions; partnerships; NGOs/CSOs; advocacy; activism; community-based interventions; sustainable; reducing barriers; treatment adherence support; patient support; MDR-TB; TB-HIV; Central Asia; Africa

**Coordinator(s)** Thomas Mohr (Kazakhstan), Jenniffer Dietrich (Switzerland)

**Chair(s)** Jamilya Ismoilova (Tajikistan), Mayowa Joel (Nigeria)

**Presentations**

**09:15 - 09:30** Global Coalition of TB Activists: uniting all networks and coalitions for concerted action  
Blessina Kumar (India)

**09:35 - 09:50** Francophone Forum Against TB: Focus on francophone countries in Africa  
Alain Patric Ledoux Fogue Dzutue (Cameroon)

**09:55 - 10:10** Community systems strengthening: why is it important and how can it be applied to networks and coalitions?  
Alberto Colorado (Mexico)

**10:15 - 10:35** Building better frameworks for community engagement: developing national strategies and guidelines in Central Asia  
Jamilya Ismoilova (Tajikistan), Svitlana Okromeshko (USA)

**10:40 - 10:55** Involving NGOs in community-based MDR-TB treatment support in Tajikistan  
Oktam Bobokhojaev (Tajikistan), Farangiz Mirzoeva (Tajikistan)

**11:00 - 11:15** The keystone to improve TB control: involving community volunteers and community HIV support groups in Malawi  
Rodrick Nalikungwi (Malawi)