

47. Engaging communities in the fight against TB and HIV

Saturday, 01 November 2014, 14:00 - 16:00



Type	Symposium
Track	Civil Society
Topic	Community outreach
Description	Community engagement is a critical component in reducing stigma, raising awareness, and facilitating access to services for TB and HIV. This symposium will unite national TB programmes, researchers, and civil society to identify effective community-driven strategies to fight TB and HIV at local, national, and international levels. The presentations will highlight lessons being learned from innovative models to engage new community actors in TB control efforts, with an emphasis on reaching populations with inadequate access to TB services.
Target audience	National TB programme staff, policy-makers, civil society organisations, donors, and health care professionals, national and international partners.
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share community participation in TB control in limited resources settings and hard to reach populations. 2. Highlight key components and complexity of community involvement in TB control in targeted environments. 3. To learn about best practices for building coalitions to fight TB and HIV at both local and global levels. 4. To bring together civil society, government, and researchers to address opportunities for collaboration.
Keywords	community; tuberculosis; resource-constrained; ACSM; civil society.
Coordinator(s)	Mandy Slutsker (USA), Alisha Smith-Arthur (USA)
Chair(s)	
Presentations	<p>14:00 - 14:15 Involvement of workers' unions to augment TB control efforts in Swaziland</p> <p>14:20 - 14:35 Effective TB services for remote and hard-to-reach populations in Botswana</p> <p>14:40 - 14:55 The experience of the Small Grants Programme for NGOs in South Africa</p> <p>15:00 - 15:15 Empowering communities in the clinical trial process: the TB Alliance model</p> <p>15:20 - 15:35 Engaging policymakers and communities through north/south collaboration: MP delegation to Benin</p> <p>15:40 - 16:00 Discussion</p>