

48. Multi-faceted regional response to tuberculosis in the mining sector in Southern Africa

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

Room 111



Type Symposium

Track Tuberculosis

Topic TB in special populations and institutions

Description This symposium provides lessons from an initiative driven by governments in South Africa, Lesotho, Mozambique, and Swaziland to develop a regional multi-sector approach to addressing the 100 year-old TB challenge associated with the mining industry. Lifestyle, environmental and occupational factors elevate mineworkers' risks of contracting TB. Incidence rate of TB among mineworkers is 10 times the threshold for a TB emergency. Migration of mineworkers across provincial and national borders extends this elevated risk of TB to communities around the mines and those from labor sending areas

Target audience The symposium is relevant for policy-makers, health planners, mining and other private sector companies, civil society, development partners, and academics

Objectives

1. Share estimates of costs/ benefits of comprehensively addressing TB in mines and affected communities
2. Share lessons learned and key issues around harmonizing TB management in the four countries
3. Share lessons in managing "cross-border" challenges of TB in Southern Africa
4. Share experience of community-centered approach to sharing profits from mining to alleviate poverty
5. Lessons learned from innovative approaches meet health service needs of TB patients in communities

Keywords Tuberculosis; mining; migration; communities; poverty alleviation

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Presentations

14:00 - 14:15 Economic impact of a comprehensive TB intervention in mines, mining communities and labor sending areas
Okore Okorafor (South Africa)

14:20 - 14:40 Harmonisation of TB management in Southern Africa
Ivan Manhiça (Mozambique)

14:45 - 15:00 Public-private partnership in managing TB
Barry Kistnasamy (South Africa)

15:05 - 15:20 Strategies for meeting service delivery needs of TB patients in Southern African communities
Patrick L. Osewe (South Africa)

15:25 - 15:45 Managing the cross-border challenges of TB in Southern African communities
Refiloe Matji (South Africa), Themba Dlamini (Swaziland)

15:50 - 16:00 Discussion