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Dear Dr Berdzuli,

**Wolfheze 2017:  
15<sup>th</sup> WHO European Region National Tuberculosis Programme Managers' Meeting and 18<sup>th</sup>  
Wolfheze Workshops  
The Hague, Netherlands, 31 May–2 June 2017**

We are pleased to inform you that the 15<sup>th</sup> WHO European Region National Tuberculosis Programme Managers' Meeting will be jointly organized with the 18<sup>th</sup> Wolfheze Workshops by the WHO Regional Office for Europe, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control and the KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation at the Bilderberg Europa Hotel Scheveningen, The Hague, Netherlands, from 31 May to 2 June 2017.

The programme includes plenary and parallel sessions. Specific themes will be addressed in key note lectures and working group discussions.

The objectives of the meeting are to:

- present the latest evidence for development of effective TB prevention and care policies;
- exchange experiences in implementation of effective TB prevention and care policies;
- discuss implementation progress of National TB Action Plans in line with the End TB Strategy and the Regional TB Action Plan 2016- 2020;
- discuss aspects pertaining to TB in migrants, collaborative TB/HIV activities, quality people-centred care, new and repurposed drugs' introduction and active drug safety monitoring, and digital health.

The working languages will be English and Russian, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

We have pleasure in inviting you to nominate your representative(s) to attend Wolfheze 2017 from 31 May to 2 June 2017. The nominated participant(s) shall have responsibilities in TB policy development and/or implementation in your country.

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We should be grateful if you would kindly send the full name and contact details (address and e-mail address) of your nominee(s) to Dr Masoud Dara, Coordinator, Communicable Disease and Programme Manager, Joint TB, HIV and viral Hepatitis Programme ([eurotb@who.int](mailto:eurotb@who.int)) by **10 April 2017**, so that we can send an invitation letter to the nominated participant.

WHO may not be in a position to cover the cost of participation in this meeting and we would highly recommend that you explore funding possibilities in your Ministry and/or with partners.

Enclosed you will find an overview of the provisional programme.

Yours sincerely,



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Provisional programme

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