

Regional Conference for Eastern Europe and Central Asia on the progress of implementation of the Tuberculosis Action Plan for the WHO European Region 2016-2020		
Provisional Programme		
DAY 1, Monday, 15 October 2018		
Registration 08:00 - 09:00		
Opening of the Technical Part of the Conference (15 minutes) Welcome: Dr. Ogtay Gozalov, WHO Euro Dr. Anna Scardigli, The Global Fund Dr. Irma Khonelidze, NCDC Georgia, Dr. Zaza Avaliani, NTP Georgia		
Topic	Potential Speaker/Organization	Allocated time (tentative!)
1 Session 1 - Drug Resistant TB Diagnosis and Treatment Chairs: Ogtay Gozalov (WHO/EURO) and Nana Kiria NTP Georgia		
1.1 Update on Rapid communication: Key changes to treatment of MDR/RR-TB	WHO HQ	09:15 -09:35
1.2 Implications of the new treatment guidelines on DR-TB diagnosis and treatment monitoring	Prof. Sven Hoffner, ELI/R-GLC	09:35 - 09:55
1.3 Global Drug Facility - Availability of drugs, consumables and pure substances including of the new and repurposed drugs for successful implementation of the new treatment policy recommendations	GDF STB	09:55 - 10:15
1.4 National TB Control Program policies and guidelines: responses to the WHO Rapid Communication and technical assistance needs	Dr. Vivian Cox	10:15 - 11:35
1.5 M/XDR-TB management: achievements, treatment outcomes, challenges and the next steps. Country experiences	Ukraine and Uzbekistan	10:35 - 11:00
Coffee Break 11:00 - 11:20		
1.6 Panel Discussion on transitioning to the new WHO MDR/RR-TB treatment recommendations Panelists: WHO HQ, Sven Hoffner, Ogtay Gozalov, Alena Skryahina, GDF-STB, Sevim Ahmedov, Vivian Cox, Nino Lomtadze	Facilitated by Chairs	11:20 - 12:20
1.7 EndTB Operational research and Trial update: treatment effectiveness and safety results for PIH sites globally	Dr. Erkebulan Algozhyn (PIH, Central Asia)	12:20 - 12:40
1.9 Diagnoses of childhood Tuberculosis; challenges and progress	Dr. Klaus Reither, Swiss TPH	12:40 - 13:00
Acquisition of Drug resistance Data to the new and repurposed Drugs from the sentinel sites (South Africa, Georgia, etc)	WHO HQ (if feasible)	????????
Lunch Break 13:00 - 14:00		
2 Session 2 - TB Research and Innovation Chairs: Dr. Sevim Ahmedov (USAID Washington) and Dr. Sayohat Hasanova (WHO/EURO)		
2.1 NIAID-NIH Tuberculosis Research Agenda for EECA Region	Dr. Francisco J. Leyva, NIAID/NIH, USA	14:00 - 14:15
2.2 Heat-killed Mycobacterium manresensis and RUTI® vaccine, two new products for the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis	Pere-Joan Cardona, Germans Trias Institute, Catalonia, Spain	14:15 - 14:30

2.3	TB Alliance Drug Development Pipeline, Ongoing Trials and vision/future plans	Dr. Sandeep Juneja, TB Alliance, US	14:30 - 14:45
2.4	Evaluation of the immune response to HBHA in combination with QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus (QFT-P) as a supportive tool for monitoring anti-tuberculosis-treatment efficacy	Dr. Jean-Luc Berland, FMX, France	14:45 - 15:00
2.5	Clinical studies to better understand TB and to design personalized treatment	Dr. Cris Vilaplana, Germans Trias Institute, Catalonia, Spain	15:00 - 15:15
Coffee Break 15:15 - 15:30			
2.6	Bacterial determinants of MDR-TB in Georgia	Dr. Sonia Borrell, Swiss TPH, Switzerland	15:30 - 15:45
2.7	An Update on TB Diagnostic Pipeline	Dr. Claudia Denking, FIND, Switzerland	16:00 - 16:15
2.8	Building Clinical Research capacity, best practices from Georgia	Dr. Nestani Tukvadze, Georgia NTP	16:15 - 16:30
2.9	KNCV TA Experience in TB Operational Research	KNCV (To be confirmed)	16:30 - 16:45
2.10	Research Training Programs, experience from EGTB-RTP	???? Pending status	16:45 - 17:00
End of Conference Day 1			
Reception at the Historical City Hall of Tbilisi Starts at 19:00			
DAY 2, Tuesday, 16 October 2019			
Opening of the High-level part of the Conference with Welcome Speeches			
	Organization	Name, Last Name	Position
Welcome Speeches - 09:00 - 09:40			
1	MOH Georgia	Dr. Davit Sergeenko	Minister of Health
2	WHO Euro	Dr. Masoud Dara	Diseases
3	Stop TB Partnership	Dr. Lucica Ditiu	Executive Director
4	Ambassador of France	Confirmed	
3	Session 3 - Implementation of TB Action Plan for European Region: lessons learned and good practices Chairs: Dr. Masoud Dara (WHO/EURO) and Prof. Amiran Gamkrelidze (NCDC Georgia)		
3.1	Tuberculosis Action Plan for the WHO European Region 2016-2020: progress, challenges and the next steps	Dr. Masoud Dara, WHO Euro	09:40 - 10:00
3.2	Country Experience 1 - Best Practices and challenges in implementing the Integrated, patient-centered care and prevention programs (20 min)	Georgia representative	10:00 - 10:30
Coffee Break 10:30 - 11:00			
3.3	Country Experience 2 - Good Practices and challenges in National TB Response	Kazakhstan representative	11:00 - 11:20
3.4	Country Experience 3 - Good Practices and challenges in National TB Response	Belarus Representative	11:20 - 11:40
3.5	People-centered model of TB care: achievements and challenges of 11 EECA countries engaged in the TB-REP project	Dr. Stela Bivol, PAS Center In partnership with WHO	11:40 - 12:10
3.6	ZERO TB Initiative: Best Practices and Lessons learned	Someone from STB	12:10 - 12:30
3.7	Launching of the MDR-TB Multi Country Research Expert Group	Dr. Masoud Dara, WHO/EURO and Dr. Sevim Ahmedov, USAID, Washington	12:30 - 13:00
Lunch Break 13:00 - 14:00			

4 Session 4 - High-Level Meeting on TB at the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) - Update and Follow up
Chairs: Dr Lucica Ditiu (Stop TB Partnership) and Prof. Zaza Avaliani (NTP Georgia)

4.1	Update on the UNGA meeting: agenda, speakers, messages	Dr. Lucica Ditiu, Stop TB	14:00 - 14:30
4.2	Key polical commitment documents for TB prevention and care: steps to take to build on political comittement	Dr. Masoud Dara, WHO/EURO	14:30 - 15:00
4.3	Country Insight from the High Level UN Meeting	Dr. Amiran Gamkrelidze	15:00 - 15:20

Coffee Break 15:20 - 15:40

4.4	Panel Discussion: How partners can support the EECA region in ending TB Epidemic? Inviting panelists: WHO, STB, Sevim Ahmedov, Anna Scardigli, members of Parliament (TB Caucus), country representatives, SCOs	Facilitator: Prof. Amiran Gamkrelidze (Confirmed)	15:40 - 16:40
4.5	Closing Remarks: Minister, WHO, STB		16:40 - 17:00

End of the Regional Conference