Objectives

1. To share and discuss the results and lessons learned from field-testing the draft standards/benchmarks in ten countries

2. To revise the draft document “Standards/benchmarks that need to be attained for a country's surveillance data to be considered a direct measure of TB disease burden” based on results and lessons learned from pilot tests

3. To discuss the process to be used to promote, apply and use the standards/benchmarks in practice, in both low and high-burden countries

4. To discuss the plan of work for the 6–12 months
Expected Outcomes

1. Everyone in the expert group is familiar with the results and lessons learned from piloting the draft standards/benchmarks

2. A new improved version of the draft document
   “Standards/benchmarks that need to be attained for a country's surveillance data to be considered a direct measure of TB disease burden”

3. A suggested process for promoting the use of the S&B and applying results at country and international level e.g.
   - to define which countries already meet the standards/benchmarks
   - to define how surveillance needs to be strengthened in countries where all standards/benchmarks are not yet met

4. Clear workplan for the expert group for the next 6–12 months
   - Such that final (or close-to-final) version of S&B is ready for presentation to full Task Force in May 2012