Objectives

1. To present an overview of the work of the WHO Global Task Force on TB Impact Measurement

2. To present and discuss current methods used by WHO to produce estimates of TB disease burden, and alternative methods that could be used instead of or in combination with these methods: incidence; mortality; prevalence

3. To produce recommendations on methods to be used for producing estimates of TB incidence, prevalence and mortality in 2015/2016, as well as future work that is needed to improve upon these methods

4. To present and discuss WHO’s current methods for producing estimates of TB disease burden disaggregated by age and sex, and alternative methods that could be used instead of or in combination with these methods

5. To discuss other topics that the Task Force should address in future
Expected Outcomes

1. All participants are informed about the Task Force’s mandate, membership, strategic areas of work and progress made to date.

2. All participants are informed about WHO’s existing approach to producing estimates of TB incidence, prevalence and mortality, and alternative methods that could be used.

3. Clear recommendations for methods to use for WHO’s definitive assessment of whether 2015 global TB targets for incidence, prevalence and mortality are met at global, regional and country levels, as well as other work needed in the next 2–3 years to improve upon these methods.

4. Endorsement of current methods for disaggregating TB disease burden estimates by age and sex or clear recommendations for their improvement.

5. Suggestions for topics that the Task Force should address in future.