

**First WHO Global Ministerial Conference
Ending TB in the Sustainable Development Era: A Multisectoral Response
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Statement of Canada on the Moscow Declaration to End TB

- We are grateful to the World Health Organization for organizing this meeting and to the Russian Federation for having hosted this important meeting and for having facilitated consultations in Geneva.
- Eliminating tuberculosis is a commitment we have all endorsed under the Sustainable Development Goals and Canada remains committed to do so.
- As this meeting has emphatically shown, we are pleased to see so many ready to ramp up efforts to eliminate tuberculosis.
- Moving forward, Canada is pleased to join others in support for the Moscow Declaration.
- We are particularly pleased to see gender inequalities being recognized as an important factor to address if we are to improve our response.
- We also want to point out and thank civil society for their continued leadership. Canada will continue to work in close partnership with civil society, and in particular with those who are living with active disease as well as those at-risk of infection, so as to ensure that our collective response is informed by the realities of those most affected.
- We have a unique opportunity next year with the UN High Level Meeting to secure high-level political support for the fight against TB. And nowhere will this support be more critical than on accountability.
- An accountability framework would be a concrete and effective deliverable at the United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting for the political leaders to support because it is a cost-effective solution to achieve better results with existing knowledge and resources.
- Canada looks forward to working with others to ensure that a proposal for a multi-sectoral accountability framework is brought forward for consideration at the UN High Level Meeting next year. A framework that is based on a collaborative and constructive approach will ensure that evidence and resources are better used to guide action and decisions at country level.
- Thank you.