



UNITED TO END TUBERCULOSIS:
AN URGENT GLOBAL RESPONSE
TO A GLOBAL EPIDEMIC

**UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HIGH-LEVEL
MEETING ON
TUBERCULOSIS**

26 SEPTEMBER 2018,
NEW YORK



**World Health
Organization**



ABOUT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON TB

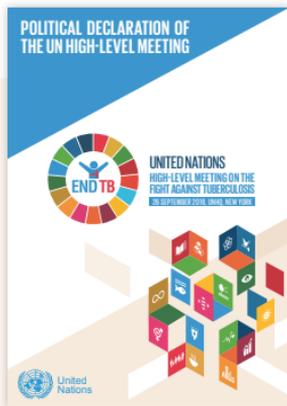
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The first high-level meeting of the UN General Assembly on the fight against tuberculosis (TB) brought together Heads of State and other world leaders on 26 September 2018. The theme of the meeting was **“United to end TB: an urgent global response to a global epidemic”**. The meeting was convened by **the President of the General Assembly** with support from the World Health Organization (WHO) and other partners.

POLITICAL DECLARATION

- ✓ The meeting resulted in an **action-oriented political declaration**, which was adopted by the UN General Assembly on 10 October 2018.

www.who.int/tb/unhlmontbDeclaration.pdf





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A GLOBAL COMMITMENT TO END TB

TB IS THE **LEADING INFECTIOUS KILLER** IN THE WORLD &
ONE OF THE **TOP 10 CAUSES OF DEATH** WORLDWIDE



10 MILLION
PEOPLE FELL ILL
WITH TB

*including 5.8 million men,
3.2 million women and 1 million
children. People living with HIV
accounted for 9% of the total*

IN 2017:



1.6 MILLION
DIED FROM
TB

*TB is also the leading cause
of deaths due to antimicrobial
resistance and among people
with HIV*



0.5 MILLION
PEOPLE DEVELOPED
MULTIDRUG-
RESISTANT TB

*Only 1 in 4 needing
MDR-TB treatment were
enrolled on it*

PARTICIPANTS

15

HEADS OF STATE/
GOVERNMENT

delivered statements



> 100

MINISTERS/
COUNTRY
DELEGATIONS



50

MINISTERIAL
STATEMENTS
AT PLENARY

19

COUNTRY
STATEMENTS
AT PANEL 1

15

COUNTRY
STATEMENTS
AT PANEL 2

> 360

CIVIL SOCIETY/
OTHER
STAKEHOLDERS

10

UN AGENCIES

1000

participants



The political declaration builds on previous commitments in the Moscow Declaration to End TB, the WHO End TB Strategy and the Sustainable Development Goals.




END TB



Ending TB by 2030 means:

80%
drop in new TB cases

90%
drop in people dying of TB

100%
of TB-affected families protected from catastrophic costs

Through:

- ✓ **BETTER** care & prevention
- ✓ **BOLDER** policies & systems
- ✓ **BIGGER** investments in research & innovation

WHO END TB STRATEGY

IT'S ABOUT SAVING LIVES, TACKLING
POVERTY AND INEQUITY



**INVESTING IN
ENDING TB
IS GREAT VALUE
FOR MONEY:**

**FOR EVERY
US\$ 1 INVESTED
US\$ 43 IS
GAINED IN RETURN**



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**FOR A
BETTER
FUTURE
FREE
OF TB**

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ **Co-facilitators:** The President of the UN General Assembly appointed two co-facilitators **Japan** and **Antigua & Barbuda** to lead consultations with Member States on the political declaration of the high-level meeting.
- ✓ **Interactive civil society hearing:** In advance of the high-level meeting, an interactive civil society hearing was held on 4 June 2018. With over 400 registrants, the hearing was well attended by civil society representatives, parliamentarians, NGOs, academia, medical associations and the private sector, as well as people affected by TB and broader communities. Underscoring the commitment at the highest level to civil society, the hearing was opened by top leadership from the UN and partners including the UN Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly. The hearing was organized by the President of the General Assembly, with the support of WHO and the Stop TB Partnership.
- ✓ **Agenda of the High Level Meeting:** The agenda of the high-level meeting consisted of an opening segment, a plenary segment for general discussion, two multi-stakeholder panels and a brief closing segment.

www.who.int/tb/unhlmagenda.pdf

KEY COMMITMENTS BY MEMBER STATES AND REQUESTS TO WHO

1



Providing diagnosis and treatment with the aim of **successfully treating 40 million people** with TB from 2018 to 2022, including **3.5 million children**, and **1.5 million people with drug-resistant TB**;

2



Preventing TB for those most at risk of falling ill, through the rapid scaling up of access to testing and the provision of preventive treatment, so that at least **30 million people receive preventive treatment by 2022**, with specific targets for children, household contacts and people living with HIV;

3



Mobilizing **sufficient and sustainable financing**, with the aim of increasing overall global investments for ending TB, and reaching at least **US\$ 13 billion a year by 2022**, with an **additional US\$ 2 billion a year for TB research**;

4



Overcoming the global public health crisis of multidrug-resistant TB through actions for prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care;

5



Improving policies and systems on each country's path towards achieving and sustaining **universal health coverage**;

6



Enabling and pursuing **multisectoral collaboration** at the global, regional, national and local levels;

7



Addressing the economic and social determinants of the disease; **promoting an end to stigma** and all forms of discrimination, including through the protection and promotion of human rights and dignity; and providing **special attention to the poor, vulnerable and communities especially at risk**;

8



Advancing research and innovation through global collaboration including through **WHO mechanisms, and networks**;

9



Requesting the Director-General of WHO to continue to develop the **multisectoral accountability framework** and ensure its timely implementation no later than 2019;

10



Requesting the Secretary-General of the UN, with the support of WHO, to provide **a progress report in 2020** on global and national progress, which will serve to inform preparations for **a comprehensive review by Heads of State and Government at a high-level meeting in 2023**.



HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WEBSITES

www.who.int/UNHLMonTB/

<https://www.un.org/pga/73/event/fight-to-end-tuberculosis/>



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