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Concept Paper

First Working Session: Panel Discussion I on Fight against Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis (TB) is a global public health problem. WHO ranks it amongst the top 10 causes of death worldwide and as the second biggest killer amongst infectious diseases after HIV/AIDS. According to this year's [WHO Global TB Report](#), 8.7 million people fell ill with and 1.4 million died of TB in 2011. Yet, only 5.8 million people were diagnosed with and treated of TB, which leaves around 3 million patients without access to TB treatments consistent with international guidelines. The emerging health security threat of multi-drug resistant TB (MDR-TB) is an increasing risk throughout the world. Of the 440.000 MDR-TB patients in 2011, less than 13% had access to treatment.

The **Member States of the Organization of Islamic countries (OIC)** are **disproportionately affected** by the disease: about 2.2 million people fell ill with TB and up to 400.000 people died due to TB in OIC countries.

OIC Member States reacted to this public health problem at the [Third Islamic Conference](#) of Ministers of Health in Astana, Kazakhstan, in October 2011, where the OIC Secretariat was requested "to explore enhanced cooperation with the Stop TB Partnership to address the high burden of TB among OIC countries and explore high level global advocacy opportunities for the OIC and its Member States to raise awareness about TB" (see p.11 – point 5; Resolutions).

The proposed side session at the Fourth Islamic Conference of Ministers of Health in Jakarta, Indonesia, in October 2013 would build upon this request and provide an update on the state of play of how the OIC, together with partners, aims to address the TB-burden in OIC countries. The location of Jakarta is particularly appropriate as Indonesia is one of the 22 high-burden TB countries, ranking ninth in the world with 450.000 people falling sick of TB in 2011.

The Panel Discussion will provide a platform for exchange of information and good practice on TB care and to foster collaboration between OIC Member States and global health partnerships to accelerate the fight against TB

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| Date: 22 October, 2013 | Time: 16:30 hours | Room: |
| Moderator: Minister of Health, Republic of Kazakhstan | | |
| Rapporteur: Stop TB | | |
| Session Programme and Speakers:: | | |
| No. | Name | Organization |
| 1. | | Stop TB |
| 2. | Mr Mark Dybul, Chief Executive Officer | The Global Fund |
| 3. | Minister of Health | Kingdom of Saudi Arabia |
| 4. | Minister of Health | Indonesia |

Key Questions to be addressed by Panel Members

1. Stop TB

- To provide the latest status of fight against TB programme in the OIC Member States;
- To provide examples of successful community mobilization and awareness raising initiatives in Islamic countries;
- To highlight the key challenges in fight against TB in OIC Member States;
- To highlight areas where additional support from the OIC leaders will be critical to enhance fight against TB programme.

2. The Global Fund

- To highlight the role and contribution of the Global Fund in fighting against TB in OIC countries;
- To highlight the return of investment on prioritization given to fight against TB;
- To highlight the programme of moving from fight against TB to an economic development driven agenda;

3. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- To highlight the programme of elimination of TB in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;
- To highlight contemporary challenges and opportunities;
- To highlight on why TB matters for society;
- To highlight on new innovation to find and treat patients.

4. Republic of Indonesia

- To highlight the programme of elimination of TB and its progress in Indonesia;
- To highlight on why TB matters for society;
- To highlight on new innovation to find and treat patients ;
- To highlight on programme reaching high disease burden in difficult to reach populations including to reach IDPs and poor;
- To highlight the role the role of philanthropists, non -government organization and new partners in providing financing support in fighting against TB.

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