



The Private Sector is Gearing up for the UN HLM on TB

30 May 2018, Geneva, Switzerland - The Stop TB Partnership's Private Sector Constituency (PSC) held its third workshop on the United Nations High-Level Meeting (UN HLM) on tuberculosis (TB) in Geneva, On Thursday, 24 May 2018.

The PSC discussed its interest to co-organize, alongside key partners and stakeholders, a private sector summit ahead of the UN HLM. It is envisioned that participants will offer new or renewed commitments from their organizations towards ending TB.

Commitments, ideally from both the private and public sector, present a more holistic, integrated framework of cross-cutting solutions for high-burden countries that focuses on the entire product and patient pathway (i.e., from care, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and treatment outcomes, and cure). The current paradigm in the TB and global health space is on delivery of tools rather than comprehensive solutions.

The PSC emphasized that it is critical to ensure commitments are about supporting the needs of the larger TB community, high burden countries, and most importantly, the people affected by TB. A planning group, consisting of key partners and stakeholders, will be convened to facilitate the coordination and commitments of the private sector summit in the coming weeks.

The PSC also discussed the need to create the necessary momentum in the lead up to the UN HLM, not only by organizing a series of events, but also by developing targeted advocacy and communication campaigns around the critical barriers in the TB space that were, for example, identified at the Stop TB Partnership's and World Economic Forum's roundtable discussions held on 20 May on the sidelines of the 71st World Health Assembly.

Previous PSC workshops on the UN HLM took place in Guadalajara (October 2017) and Geneva (January 2018).