



STOP TB PARTNERS' FORUM

50/50: Towards a TB-free future

The first Stop TB Partners' Forum celebrates 50 years of progress in the treatment of tuberculosis (TB) and looks forward 50 months to reaching the global targets for TB control by 2005. These are to detect 70% of infectious TB cases and to cure 85% of those detected.

The Forum has five objectives: (i) to report on progress since the Amsterdam Conference on Tuberculosis and Sustainable Development (March 2000); (ii) to further accelerate efforts to operationalize the Amsterdam Declaration to Stop TB; (iii) to address the urgent issue of TB and HIV/AIDS; (iv) to launch *the Global Plan to Stop TB*; and (v) to formally endorse the supporting mechanisms for the Stop TB Partnership.

To guide discussions during the Forum, and taking into account key messages related to objectives, four background documents have been produced:

50/50: towards a TB-free future. This report surveys 50 years of progress among high-burden, high population countries. Such progress has resulted in new global initiatives and mechanisms such as the Global DOTS Expansion Plan and the Global TB Drug Facility. The report details how countries as diverse as China, India, and Peru are working towards combating TB through expanded DOTS coverage. Looking ahead 50 months towards 2005 and the deadline for achieving global targets for TB control, the report calls for urgent and continued acceleration of efforts towards a countdown to a TB-free future.

Global Plan to Stop TB. For the first time, this report provides a comprehensive plan of action for the period 2001–2005 to meet the global targets for TB control, develop strategies to address new challenges, and accelerate research to develop new tools, including resource gaps, the roles of partners, and funding mechanisms.

Washington commitment to Stop TB. On the occasion of the First Stop TB Partners' Forum in Washington, this statement details the commitment of the ministerial representatives from 22 high-burden countries and the heads of agencies and representatives of all partners to further operationalize the Amsterdam Declaration to Stop TB.

The background documents will be distributed as part of the registration pack:

- *Annotated Agenda*
- *50/50: towards a TB-free future*
- *2nd Draft Washington Commitment to Stop TB*
- *Stop TB Partnership framework*
- *Global TB Drug Facility (GDF) pack*
- *Participants list*
- *Global Plan to Stop TB*
- *How to stop TB in people living with HIV/AIDS (discussion guide)*
- *Stop TB brochure*
- *World TB Day 2001 highlights*