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Dear Partners,

Welcome! On arrival to the International Airport in Rio de Janeiro, ( Antonio Carlos Jobim International Airport), there will be a Welcome Desk with the sign 'Stop TB Partners Forum' to transport you to your hotel. For Participants still requiring hotels, OPCO Tours will assist with hotel arrangements. [http://www.opcotours.com/events/stop/index\\_ing.htm](http://www.opcotours.com/events/stop/index_ing.htm) The contact person is Sandra Duarte +5521 7822 7900.

Skill building workshops will begin on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 at 9:00 am at the Centro de Convencoes Sul America, located at Av. Paulo de Frontin com Av. Pres. Vargas - Cidade Nova - RJ. <http://www.ccsulamerica.com.br/> Please visit our website after March 1 to find out more information concerning the location for your workshop.

Pre-Registration to attend the Forum begins on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 14:00 in the Convention center. Please carry your passport/ Identity document.

You will be issued a badge, lunch tickets for 3 days, free underground metro passes between Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday, 26 March ( for 10 trips). Please enquire from your hotel, the closest metro station. **ESTACIO** is the station within 50 meters of the convention center. Participants should exit here.

There will be signs from this Metro station to the convention center.



Registration starts on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 08:00 a.m. Please bring along your badge each conference day as security will control access at the entrance door.

The Opening Session begins on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 09:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in the PLENARY room. Please use the escalators or stairs to get to this floor. Disabled participants may use the elevator.

During break time, coffee/tea will be served on both the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor near the Plenary, or the ground floor. This is a good time to visit the market place and meet other partners in the 'Social Spaces` on the ground floor. There will be Kiosks in both areas. You can purchase refreshments throughout the day.

- An internet café will be set up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor with free but time-limited access.

Lunch will be served in the exhibition hall area. This will be the time to NETWORK with partners.

Speakers Corner is a dynamic activity which will occur during lunch time. It provides the perfect opportunity for you to briefly share your perspective or your ideas. This activity will be at the on the ground floor. As many participants have signed up to participate in this event, you will only have a minute or so to speak. Partners who have registered to participate will be informed about their speaking order at registration.

Meetings (Thematic tracks, Constituency meetings, Civil Society discussion) will be held on the second floor. There will be signs on this floor guiding you to your meetings. In addition, please feel free to ask the Secretariat staff (blue badges) and ushers (yellow badges) to assist.

Sala 9 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is the FIRST AID ROOM.

Sala 12 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is the Patients Lounge.

World TB day is on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. At 19:30, there will be a reception at the convention center to commemorate the day ( hosted by the Mayor of Rio).

The closing ceremony will be held on Wednesday 25 of March. Conference will close by 16:00. Site visits are scheduled on Thursday 26 March. Site visits are over- subscribed, therefore a lottery system has been used to select participants. Winners will be informed via email.

Regency Congressos & Eventos will be responsible for your airport transfers.