



# Stop TB Partnership

<b>SUMMARY SHEET</b>		
AGENDA NR. 2.10 - 2.0	SUBJECT	<b>Progress, Challenges and Opportunities: TB Control in South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland.</b>
FOR INFORMATION <input type="checkbox"/>	FOR DISCUSSION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FOR DECISION <input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b></p> <p>During the last two decades tuberculosis in the African Region has been amplified by the HIV epidemic, and the emergence of MDR TB, if left unchecked, threatens the gains made in treating TB.</p> <p>South Africa, Lesotho, and Swaziland are key countries at the epicentre of the TB, TB-HIV, and MDR-TB epidemic. Having Ministers of Health together in one session provides an opportunity to hear first hand the experiences of these key countries, and also to explore progress, challenges, and opportunities in mounting a regional response.</p>		
<p><b>SUMMARY:</b></p> <p>This session will discuss the main challenges in TB and MDR-TB control, the cross-border management of TB and MDR-TB patients, how partnerships can assist in resource and human resource mobilization, and drug supply. Areas for collaboration will be highlighted as will requirements necessary to foster a coherent regional response to the challenge of TB, TB-HIV and MDR TB.</p>		
<p><b>DECISIONS REQUESTED (FROM STOP TB COORDINATING BOARD):</b></p> <p>No decisions are requested though Strategic Considerations include:</p> <p>How might regional efforts to manage TB and MDR-TB be supported by Stop TB Partners and donors - what can be learned from the recent regional lab initiative in East Africa?</p> <p>How might South Africa's leadership role in the region be supported to enhance regional collaboration in the fight against the co-epidemic/MDR?</p>		
<p><b>IMPLICATIONS (POLITICAL / FINANCIAL / STAFFING, ETC):</b></p> <p>NONE DEFINED</p>		
<b>NEXT STEPS</b>		
<b>ACTION REQUIRED:</b> None defined		
<b>FOCAL POINT:</b> C. GUNNEBERG		
<b>TIMEFRAME:</b> N/A		