

Thursday, 15 October

**PLENARY SESSION**

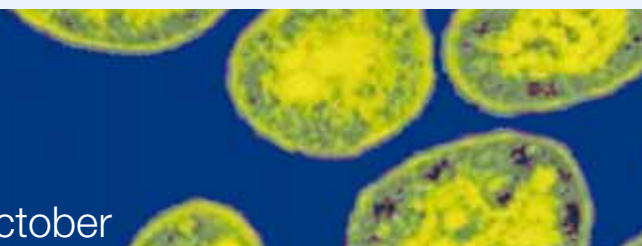
08:00 – 09:00	Registration
<b>OPENING</b>	<b>Chair: Karin Weyer, WHO</b>
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Welcome and opening</b> Hiro Nakatani, World Health Organization Christophe Longuet, Fondation Mérieux
09:30 – 09:55	<b>Towards universal access: Urgent actions needed to respond to TB and MDR-TB</b> Mario Raviglione, WHO Stop TB Department
09:55 – 10:20	<b>Scaling up management and control of multidrug-resistant TB - what will it take?</b> Paul Nunn, WHO Stop TB Department
10:20 – 10:45	<b>Laboratory strengthening in response to TB diagnostic challenges: Achievements of the Global Laboratory Initiative</b> John Ridderhof, CDC & Chair - GLI
10:45 – 11:15	Break
<b>SESSION 1:</b>	<b>TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION TO MEET PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS</b> <b>Chair: Rick O'Brien, FIND</b> <b>Co-Chair: Saidi Egwaga, Tanzania</b>
11:15 – 11:35	<b>Contemporary diagnostics: moving towards integrated technology platforms</b> Giorgio Roscigno, FIND
11:35 – 11:55	<b>Role and challenges faced by the diagnostics industry</b> Jean-Francois de Lavisson, EDMA
11:55 – 12:15	<b>Reality check: Perspectives from the field on barriers to technology and innovation</b> Kitty Lambregts, KNCV & Chair - MDR-TB WG
12:15 – 12:30	Discussion
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
<b>SESSION 2:</b>	<b>FAST-TRACKING POLICY DEVELOPMENT: FINDINGS FROM RECENT WHO SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS AND EXPERT GROUP MEETINGS</b> <b>Chair: Francis Drobniewski</b> <b>Co-Chair: Jeremiah Chakaya</b>
13:30 – 14:50	<b>Novel approaches and new methods to increase case detection by microscopy</b> Karen Steingart, UCSF
13:50 – 14:10	<b>Rapid culture and drug susceptibility testing using non-commercial methods</b> Jessica Minion, McGill University
14:10 – 14:30	<b>Ensuring adequate laboratory biosafety</b> Tom Shinnick, CDC
14:30 – 14:50	<b>Implementation of new diagnostic approaches and methods: operational considerations</b> Lucia Barrera, SRL Argentina
14:50 – 15:15	Discussion
15:15 – 15:45	Break

**SESSION 3: STRUCTURING TECHNOLOGIES FOR PROGRAMMATIC IMPLEMENTATION**  
**Chair: Tom Shinnick**  
**Co-Chair: Maryline Bonnet, MSF**

15:45 – 16:15	<b>Essential components of integrated national laboratory plans</b> John Nkengasong, CDC-GAP
16:15 – 16:45	<b>A roadmap for TB laboratory strengthening within WHO policy frameworks and national laboratory strategies</b> Karin Weyer, WHO
16:45 – 17:00	Discussion
17:00 – 18:30	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b>

**SESSION 4: EXPANDING AND ACCELERATING LABORATORY SERVICES THROUGH INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS**  
**Chair: Paul Klatser, Royal Tropical Institute, The Netherlands**

FIND: Developing new technologies UNITAID: Moving new diagnostics to countries ASM: Assisting country efforts to scale up laboratory services WORLD BANK: Establishing laboratory infrastructure PEPFAR: Promoting integrated laboratory systems TBCAP: Using standardized laboratory tools USAID: Accelerating technical support KNCV: Mobilising laboratory expertise UNION: Conducting operational research to optimize new tools and approaches	
18:30 - 18:45	<b>Closing</b> John Ridderhof, CDC & Chair - GLI
18:45	<b>Meeting of Facilitators &amp; Rapporteurs</b>
19:30	<b>Dinner</b> Hosted by Fondation Mérieux



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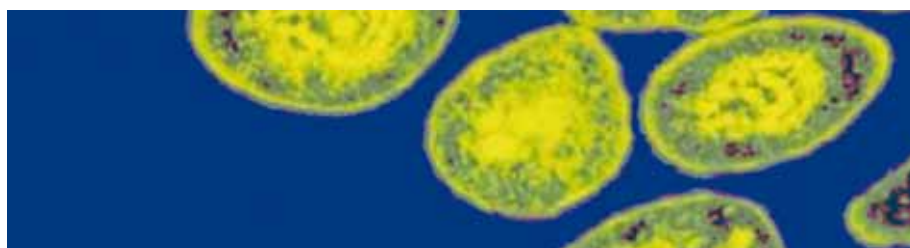
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**SESSION 5: THE SUPRANATIONAL REFERENCE LABORATORY NETWORK - TIME FOR CHANGE AND INNOVATION**  
**Chair: Kai Man Kam, SRL Hong Kong**  
**Co-Chair: Bereneice Madison, CDC**

8:30 – 8:45	<b>Achievements of the SRLN, 1994 - 2009</b> Armand van Deun, SRL Coordinating Centre, Belgium
8:45 – 9:00	<b>Beyond 2009: Changing the role and scope of the SRLN</b> Chris Gilpin, IOM
9:00 – 10:00	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b>

**SESSION 6: EXPANDING THE SRLN - REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES**  
**Chair: Karin Weyer, WHO**  
AFRO, EMRO, EURO, PAHO, SEARO, WPRO Union, TBCAP, World Bank, WHO

10:00 – 10:30	Break
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## GROUP SESSIONS

### SESSION 7: SCALING UP TB LABORATORY SERVICES AT COUNTRY LEVEL

10:30 – 13:00 Each group will discuss the following questions on each theme:

- 1) What are the three key activities necessary at country level to move forward?
- 2) What are the key barriers and possible solutions?

I. Developing country policies and national plans for introduction of new TB diagnostics

Facilitator: Armand van Deun, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Belgium

Rapporteur: Tom Shinnick, CDC

II. Coordinating and optimizing technical assistance for laboratory strengthening at country level

Facilitator: Zhao Yanlin, China

Rapporteur: Gavin MacGregor-Skinner, USAID

III. Measuring the impact of laboratory strengthening at country level

Facilitator: Gerrit Coetzee, South Africa

Rapporteur: Catherine Mundy, Management Sciences for Health

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch



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### SESSION 8: TACKLING LABORATORY STRENGTHENING INTO THE FUTURE

Chair: Vijay Gupta, GLI Core Group Community Representative

Co-chair: John Ridderhof, CDC & GLI Chair

14:30 – 15:15 Group presentations

15:15 – 15:30 Next steps

John Ridderhof, CDC & GLI chair

15:30 – 15:35 Concluding remarks

Paul Nunn, WHO

15:35 – 16:00 BREAK AND DEPARTURE OF MEETING PARTICIPANTS

## General information

### Badges

Name badges must be worn at all times in the Congress Centre.

### Coffee breaks

Coffee breaks are offered to all registered participants and will be served in restaurant area from Thursday to Friday during the session breaks.

### Forum documents

The Forum documents should be picked up at the registration desk.

### Computer facilities

The conference centre is equipped with wireless for connection of laptops to internet (password : pensi). A computer room with internet connection is also available for participants.

### Language

English is the official Forum language.

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