

The logo for DTLab is centered within a horizontal orange bar. It consists of the letters 'DTLab' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'D' is red, the 'T' is white, and the 'Lab' is blue. The letters are set against a light gray rectangular background.

DTLab

**A Dutch partnership on
worldwide strengthening
of TB laboratory services**

What is **DTLab**?

DTLab (Dutch Tuberculosis Laboratory partnership) provides technical and system-services for international TB-control

KIT - Royal Tropical Institute

– quality laboratory systems and technologies



Royal Tropical Institute

KNCV - Tuberculosis Foundation

– linking TB control with laboratory systems



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TUBERCULOSISFOUNDATION

RIVM - National Institute for Public Health and the Environment

– reference laboratory and technologies

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**Good quality and evidence-based
laboratory services are mandatory
for effective and efficient TB control**

**To contribute in a collaborative manner
to the challenges on all components of
TB laboratory diagnostic services**

Strategic priorities

- Establish GLI partnership projects
- Develop templates for country-specific roadmaps for laboratory strengthening
- Develop human resource strategies
- Develop appropriate and adequate laboratory biosafety standards
- Develop a process for the accreditation of labs or sections of labs that do TB testing
- Move new diagnostics into countries

How can

DTLab

assist



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- Establish GLI partnership projects

Large network of partners and contacts

- Develop templates for country-specific roadmaps for laboratory strengthening

Experience with setting up laboratory policies in LMIC and laboratory capacity building at all levels

- Develop human resource strategies

DTLab harbours a WHO Collaborating Centre for Human Resources for Health

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- Develop appropriate and adequate laboratory biosafety standards

Worldwide experience in technical advice, training, implementation including BSL 3/4

- Develop a process for the accreditation of labs or section of labs that do TB testing

Experience with accreditation, development of roadmaps to accreditation, quality management training, coaching, auditing and assessment

- Move new diagnostics into countries

Involved in development, evaluation, standardization and implementation of new diagnostics and improvement of existing diagnostics

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- poverty AND (alleviation OR reduction)
- title:poverty
- region:south africa

Highlights

E-publication 

Field experience in implementing ISO 15189 in Kisumu, Kenya

This article discusses the challenges and benefits experienced in pursuing and sustaining ISO 15189 accreditation for the Kenya Medical Research Institute/Centre for Disease Control HIV-Research Laboratory in Kisumu, Kenya.

Audiovisual

Laboratory network raises East Africa's defences against diseases

World Bank slideshow about the recently approved East Africa Public Health Laboratory Networking Project, which aims to establish an network of high-quality public health laboratories.

E-publication 

A roadmap for ensuring quality tuberculosis diagnostics services within national laboratory strategic plans (2010)

This document aims to provide a structured framework for scaling-up TB laboratory services, based on WHO-recommended norms and standards, documented country best practices and growing lessons learnt from field experiences by many partners involved in the Global Laboratory Initiative (GLI).

Quicklinks

- Accreditation organizations
- ISO 15189 standard
- Laboratory accreditation
- Laboratory capacity strengthening
- Tuberculosis laboratory services

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20 October 2010 - 29 October 2010

2010 ILAC/IAF Conference

Shanghai, China
Joint annual meetings of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF).

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