



# The Union, a GLI partner

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- Paris 1920: International Union Against Tuberculosis officially established by 20 representatives from 20 TB associations
- 93 Constituent members: national lung associations and National TB programmes
- 17 Organisational members
- Close to 10,000 Individual members and contacts



# The Union activities

- Health solutions for the poor
  - **Technical assistance** to improve public health services in low and middle income countries
  - **Education** to build capacity through training courses, conferences, publications and human resource development
  - **Research** to develop new cost effective and sustainable public health programmes; to conduct clinical trials and health policy research
- Fields: tuberculosis, HIV, child lung health, asthma, tobacco



# Structure

- Paris Head Office
  - 13 regional and country offices
  - partners, e.g. Antwerp SRL
  - close to 300 staff and consultants globally
- Scientific departments ~ disease
  - lab division under tuberculosis department



# The Union & TB lab support

- Partner with WHO in global project DRS
  - also via SRL in Antwerp
    - coordinating rounds of EQA for DST
    - supporting various NRL & countries
    - developing new SRL
- Partner within TBCTA, TBCAP, TBCARE
  - intensive country support
  - development of lab tools
  - training



# Training lab

- International TB lab course in Benin
- (MDR-)TB control courses: lab component
- International microscopy EQA courses Africa & Asia
- National microscopy & EQA courses
- In-service & hands-on training on-site



# Innovation lab

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- Supporting appropriate new developments
  - public health view, low-income: priorities, sustainability...
  - lineprobe, LED FM, collection strategy / SM+ definition
  - operational research in field programmes
    - microscopy and its EQA
    - rapid, simple DST methods
    - standard treatment regimens &
      - acquired RMP resistance
      - bacteriological monitoring
      - MDR-TB

