



**High Level Ministerial Forum
“Tuberculosis In Africa - Dealing with a Regional Emergency”**

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DRAFT SCOPE AND PURPOSE

Goal and objectives

The goal of having a High Level Ministerial Forum on TB is to accelerate the development, resource mobilization, and implementation of the Global Plan and TB Emergency Plans to meet the global targets for TB control in the WHO African Region, the goals of the Maputo Declaration on the TB Emergency, and to reach the Millennium Development Goal: “To halt and begin to reverse the incidence of TB by 2015”.

The objectives are to:

In line with the recommendations of the Blueprint to Intensify action to reach the TB MDGs in Africa 2005-2007:

- Discuss the impact of TB on development (particularly in the African context)
- Raise awareness of the need for national level planning for TB control.
- Increase the awareness of donor countries to the current TB emergency in the African Region;
- Identify financial resources needed, resources available and financial gaps for rapid expansion of comprehensive TB treatment and collaborative TB/HIV activities.
- Discuss additional mechanisms that can be used to mobilize financial resources for TB control and scale up of TB/HIV collaborative activities: principally PRSPs, and debt relief negotiations.

Outcomes

- National commitment to accelerated planning for TB control in the countries of Africa.
- Increased financial and political commitment of African nations to TB control in line with the Global Plan to Stop TB 2006-2015;
- Improved financial support for TB control from donor countries;
- Agreement to call on Heads of State and National Administrations to discuss and ensure implementation of TB plans