

# Stop TB Partnership

<b>SUMMARY SHEET</b>		
Agenda Nr. 1.06-14.0	Subject	European Ministerial Forum
For Information	For Discussion	<b><u>For Decision</u></b>
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>As mandated by the Coordinating Board in Assisi and in follow up to the letter of the Regional Director for Europe to European member states declaring TB to be a Regional Emergency, WHO (with support from the Stop TB Partnership) will be co-hosting (with the Finnish EU Presidency) a Ministerial Forum in Copenhagen, 16-17 October 2006. Participants will include Ministries of Health, Finance and Justice, along with Development agencies/Foreign Affairs ministries where appropriate.</p> <p><b>The objectives are to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• raise the political and financial commitment needed for effective TB control in the priority countries of eastern Europe, in line with the Global Plan to Stop TB 2006-2015;</li> <li>• address the threat that TB poses across Europe in the context of globalization, population movement and inner city living conditions;</li> <li>• increase awareness and financial commitments by European and other international donors to the current TB emergency in the European Region;</li> <li>• establish a Regional Stop TB Partnership, aimed at catalyzing political, financial and technical support to put Europe on the road to TB elimination.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>3 Panel Discussions are proposed:</p> <p><b>1) The Threat of TB to the Future Europe</b> (including MDR-TB and incurable TB, The Perfect Storm – MDR-TB/HIV. Social Economic Context: Prisons, Alcohol, Homelessness and Inequity, International Migration).</p> <p><b>2) Solidarity and Partnership between Europeans</b> (including Partnership, Cross Border Cooperation, Civil Society Engagement, Communication and Social Mobilization)</p> <p><b>3) Bridging The Financing Divide</b> (including Cost Effective TB Control in Europe, Improving Financing Flows, and Investing in a TB as a Public Good).</p> <p>There are several controversial issues for discussion (incurable TB, migration, cross border cooperation) at the High Level Ministerial Forum.</p>		
<p><b>Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board</b></p> <p>1) To adopt a Board position on key political issues that may be raised at Copenhagen. 2) To assign a high level mission to participate in the Ministerial Forum.</p>		
<p><b>Next steps and time frame</b></p>		
<b>What:</b> Ensure effective participation of Ministerial level		
<b>Who:</b> All partners		
<b>Timeframe:</b> by June 2006		
<b>Focal Point:</b> Martien Borgdorff & Richard Zaleskis		