



Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET

Agenda Nr. 1.08- 2.0			Subject		OPENING SESSION: RESPONSES TO TB CONTROL IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION	
For Information <input type="checkbox"/>		For Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		For Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<p>Rationale</p> <p>Within the Eastern Mediterranean Region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TB is still a major public health problem in many countries; • An estimated 180 million people are infected with TB; • Approximately 570,000 new cases are reported annually; • Every year 110,000 people die from this preventable disease; • Afghanistan, Pakistan and Sudan account for approximately 75% of new cases. <p>DOTS has been successfully implemented, with 83% of TB patients treated under DOTS cured. However, case detection is still only 52%, well below the 70% global target.</p>						
<p>Summary</p> <p>In order to improve TB control, it is essential to mobilize increased resources, engage all relevant stakeholders (Business Sector, NGOs, Faith Based Organizations, Celebrities etc.) and boost political commitment and awareness at the regional level.</p> <p>Welcome remarks will be made by Dr Hussein A. Gezairy, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, followed by keynote addresses by H.E. Mrs Suzanne Mubarak, First Lady of the Arab Republic of Egypt and by Ms. Irene Koek, Chairperson of the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board. These presentations will set the context for a panel discussion on the importance of political commitment and partnership building in addressing TB Control in the Eastern Mediterranean Region.</p> <p>The following people will speak at the panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Ejaz Raheem Former Federal Minister of Health, Pakistan (Eastern Mediterranean Region) ○ Farid Jibrán Governor of the District 2450 Rotary International ○ Omar Sharif International Movie Star ○ H.E. Mrs Fatima Khalid Ahmed Elbasheer First Lady of Sudan 						
<p>Decisions requested (from the Stop TB Coordinating Board)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discuss avenues and strategies to strengthen TB control efforts in EMRO • To support the establishment of the Eastern Mediterranean Stop TB Partnership. 						
<p>Implications (political/financial/staffing etc):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial - seed funding 						
NEXT STEPS						
<p>Action Required:</p> <p>Launch and establishment of Eastern Mediterranean Stop TB Partnership</p>						
<p>Focal Point: Dr. Akiro Seita / Nelly Enwerem-Bromson</p>						
<p>Timeframe: To end 2008</p>						