



**OFFICIAL UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SIDE EVENT**  
**MULTISECTORAL ACTION**  
**TO TAKE FORWARD THE COMMITMENTS**  
**OF THE UN HIGH-LEVEL MEETING**  
**ON TUBERCULOSIS**

**When:** Sunday, 22 September 2019, 17:00H- 19:30H

**Where:** Conference Room 5, United Nations, New York

**Background:**

Despite progress over the last decades, TB remains the leading infectious killer worldwide, claiming nearly 4500 lives a day. To accelerate action to end TB, Heads of State came together at the first-ever UN High-Level Meeting on TB in September 2018. The meeting resulted in an action-oriented political declaration that included bold targets to close gaps in care, and a request to the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) to develop and implement a multisectoral accountability framework in line with the World Health Assembly resolution.

This side event, co-organized by the Russian Federation and the World Health Organization, will bring together Ministers and other high-level dignitaries, partners and civil society, to discuss how we can collectively advance multisectoral action and accelerate progress to keep the promises made at the UN High-level Meeting on TB. This will include a spotlight on the global report on progress that will be provided by the WHO Director-General in close collaboration with the United Nations Secretary-General in 2020, to ensure the implementation of the WHO Multisectoral Accountability Framework. Speakers will include Ministers and high-ranking representatives of Member States, WHO leadership, partner organizations and civil society.



# TENTATIVE AGENDA

**Moderator: Dr. Tereza Kasaeva, Director of Global TB Programme, WHO**

**17.00 - 17.05 H**      **Welcome and Introductions**

**17.05 - 17.20 H**      **Opening remarks: Dr. Veronika Skvortsova**, Minister of Health of the Russian Federation

**Keynote address: Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, WHO Director-General

**Civil Society Perspective: Mr. Jeff Acaba**, WHO Civil Society Taskforce and APCASO

**17.20 - 18.00 H**      **Country progress in keeping the promises of the UN High-Level Meeting on TB and beyond**

- H.E. Mrs Aisha Buhari, First Lady on Nigeria
- H.E. Dr. Ahmed bin Mohammed Obaid Al-Saidi, Minister of Health, Sultanate of Oman
- H.E. Dr. Nguyễn Thị Kim Tiến, Minister of Health, Viet Nam
- H.E. Dr. Zafar Mirza, Health Minister, Pakistan (TBC)
- H.E. Mr. Zahid Maleque, Minister of Health, Bangladesh (TBC)
- H.E. Mr. Zweli Mkhize, Minister of Health, South Africa (TBC)
- H.E. Ambassador Aubrey Webson, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations and co-facilitator of UN High Level Meeting on TB
- H.E. Dr. Toshiya Hoshino, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations and co-facilitator of UN High Level Meeting on TB

**18.00 - 19.00 H**      **Interactive panel and Q&A with audience**

Moderator: Dr. Tereza Kasaeva, Director, WHO Global TB Programme

- Mr. Francesco Rocca, President, IFRC
- Dr. Suvanand Sahu, Deputy Executive Director, Stop TB Partnership
- Dr. Eliud Wandwalo, Senior TB Advisor, Global Fund
- Ms Evaline Kibuchi, WHO Civil Society Taskforce and Stop TB Kenya
- Dr. Joanne Carter, Executive Director, RESULTS (TBC)
- USAID Representative (TBC)

**19.00 - 19.15 H**      **Discussion**

**19.15 - 19.30 H**      **Closing Remarks, Dr. Ren Minghui**, WHO Assistant Director-General, Universal Health Coverage/Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases