



Regional Meeting of Heads of National TB Programs (NTPs)

(Mexico City, 7–9 September 2004)

Preliminary Agenda

The Regional Program on Tuberculosis of the Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), with support from the PAHO Country Office in Mexico, the Secretary of Health of Mexico and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is holding a meeting of the Heads of the National Tuberculosis Programs of its Member States from 7–9 September 2004 in Mexico City.

Introduction: Every two years there is regional meeting of the Heads of TB Control Programs of the Latin American and Caribbean countries, with the objective of evaluating progress made in tuberculosis control and compliance with commitments made, primarily with reference to applying the DOTS Strategy. Previous meetings have taken place in Mexico in 2000 and in Cuba in 2002. This meeting is different in that it includes the countries of the English-speaking Caribbean, initially with the participation of Guyana and the TB Program Coordinator from CAREC, in addition to involving heads of TB laboratories.

Objectives:

- ↵ Become acquainted with the epidemiological and operational situation of TB of each country.
- ↵ Evaluate progress made in applying the DOTS Strategy and in meeting the 2005 goals.
- ↵ Become acquainted with the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT), the action plan, and the extent of DOTS application in those countries that will not achieve total coverage by 2005.
- ↵ Evaluate compliance with agreements and recommendations made in Cuba in 2002.
- ↵ Review and discuss the Regional Action Plan.

Expected Results:

- ↵ Knowledge of the epidemiological and operational situation of TB in each country.
- ↵ Knowledge of the extent of DOTS coverage in each one of the countries.
- ↵ Knowledge of the Plan of Action and/or extent of DOTS coverage in accordance with the SWOT analysis from each country.
- ↵ Achievement of a consensus-based Regional Plan, agreed upon by all countries, to consolidate and extend DOTS coverage.
- ↵ Knowledge by each of the countries of the different initiatives to strengthen the DOTS Strategy.

Methodology: The meeting is primarily based on interactive country presentations on the SWOT analysis, poster presentations, conferences, and group work, ending with a visit to the community initiative “White Flag” (“Bandera blanca”).

Participants: ↵ Heads of TB Programs ↵ Heads of TB Laboratory Networks

Websites: For this meeting:

<http://www.paho.org/english/ad/dpc/cd/tb-pnts-2004.htm>

↵ For other activities this week:

<http://www.paho.org/english/ad/dpc/cd/tb-3mtgs-2004.htm>

↵ PAHO TB Page:

<http://www.paho.org/english/ad/dpc/cd/tuberculosis.htm>

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| 8:00 – 8:30 | Registration | |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | Inauguration | <i>National Officials, PAHO, WHO</i> |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | Meeting Objectives | <i>PAHO</i> |
| 9:15 – 9:45 | Global TB Situation | <i>José Figueroa, WHO</i> |
| 9:45– 10:15 | <i>STOP TB</i> Partnership: Past, Present, and Future | <i>Marcos Espinal, Stop TB Partnership</i> |
| 10:15 – 10:30 Coffee Break | | |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | TB Situation in the Region of the Americas | <i>Mirtha del Granado, PAHO</i> |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Situation and Perspectives of the TB Laboratory Network in the Americas | <i>Andrea Luna, PAHO</i> |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | Question-and-Answer Session | |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Summary of the Agreements Made at the Regional Meeting in Havana in 2002 and Compliance with Them | <i>Pilar Ramón, PAHO</i> |
| 12:00 – 1:30 Lunch | | |
| 1:30 – 1:45 | SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) <i>Group 1</i> (countries with TB incidence of up to 25 per 100,000 population <i>with 100% DOTS coverage</i>): | Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Uruguay, CAREC |
| 1:45 - 2:15 | Discussion | |
| 2:15 – 2:30 | SWOT Analysis (cont'd) <i>Group 2</i> (countries with a TB incidence of 25–50 per 100,000 population <i>with 100% DOTS coverage</i>): | Argentina, Belize, Mexico, Panama, Venezuela |
| 2:30 – 3:15 | Discussion | |
| 3:15 - 3:30 Coffee Break | | |
| 3:30 – 3:45 | SWOT Analysis (cont'd) <i>Group 3</i> (countries with a TB incidence of over 50 per 100,000 population <i>with 100% DOTS coverage</i>): | Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru |
| 3:45 – 4:30 | Discussion | |
| 4:30 -4:45 | SWOT Analysis (cont'd) <i>Group 4</i> (countries with a TB incidence of over 50 per 100,000 population <i>with DOTS coverage of less than 100%</i>) | Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guyana, Haiti, Paraguay |
| 4:45 – 5:30 | Discussion | |
| 5:30 – 6:00 | Special Presentation by NPT of Mexico on “Achievements of the NTPs in Applying the DOTS Strategy and in Mobilizing the Public” | <i>Elizabeth Ferreira, Mexico</i> |

Wednesday, 8 September 2004**(second day)**

- 8:30 – 9:00 TB-HIV Interprogrammatic Collaboration Activities and HIV Surveillance among TB Patients
PAHO TB Program
- 9:00 – 9:30 PAL Initiative for DOTS Expansion
Salah Otmani, WHO; Andrés Hernández, PAHO
- 9:30 -10:00 PPM Initiative for DOTS Expansion
Mukund Uplekar, WHO; Alfonso Tenorio, PAHO
- 10:00 -10:15 Question-and-Answer Session
- 10:15 – 10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:30 - 12:30 Poster Session
- 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 – 2:30 Presentation of the Regional Strategic Plan for 2005-2010
Mirtha del Granado, Pilar Ramón, Andrea Luna, PAHO
- 2:30 - 5:00 *Working Groups: Review country workplans and regional plan*
- 5:00 – 5:15 Coffee Break
- 5:15 – 6:15 Presentation of Conclusions of Working Groups

Thursday, 9 September 2004**(third and final day)**

- 8:00 – 11:00 Field Visit to Observe Application of DOTS Strategy and the Community Strategy “White Flag” (*“Bandera blanca”*)
- 11:00 – 12:00 Report on Field Visit
Presentation of Meeting Conclusions and Recommendations