

Conclusions and agreements

Innovation to accelerate TB elimination in the Americas.
Translating commitments into action

Regional Meeting of TB Program and Laboratory Managers of the Americas

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Objectives of the meeting

Reaffirm commitment to the new political declaration of the UN High-Level Meeting on TB and plan its implementation **to accelerate progress towards elimination.** To do this:

- **Discuss and agree on strategic priorities**, including the implementation of the multisectoral accountability framework and civil society involvement, and the next steps in the region to consolidate the implementation of the End TB Strategy and accelerate progress towards elimination.
- **Analyze opportunities and challenges and share experiences** on the implementation of technological and innovative tools and more efficient, integrated, and focused service delivery models for people affected by TB.





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Urgent action is required to stop and reverse the increase in TB incidence and deaths and **accelerate the response** towards elimination under the End TB Strategy and the commitments of the new Political Declaration of the 2023 UN High-Level Meeting on TB. To do this, the following is needed:

- Strengthen stewardship and governance through **intensive local monitoring, accountability, and action targeting**.
- Optimize resources and seek efficiencies by promoting synergies and interprogrammatic collaboration within the framework of primary health care.
- Progress towards reducing inequities in access to health, prioritizing the approach to **vulnerable populations** and person-centered care.
- Accelerate the **implementation of technological tools and innovations** that can accelerate efforts toward elimination:

Intervention	Activity	Goal/Monitoring
Prioritize targeted active case finding , using more sensitive tools such as radiography (+ computer-aided detection)	Costed National Plans for the Expansion of active case finding in prioritized populations and areas in 2024	Treatment Coverage 90% by 2027 Coverage contact tracing >90% by 2025 <i>Parameters I, I AyB*</i>
		<p>Numerador Número de distritos en los que se emplea habitualmente la radiografía de tórax (con o sin DAC) para el tamizaje de la TB</p> <p>Denominador Número total de distritos en el país</p> <p>1A Tamizaje de contactos del hogar 1B Tamizaje de otros grupos de alto riesgo</p>
Expanding TB Preventive Treatment (TPT)	Costed national TPT expansion plans in 2024 (including targets to increase coverage, and populations and strengthen monitoring and evaluation) Inclusion and expansion of rifapentine regimens in 2024	TPT coverage 90% by 2027 Introduction of rifapentine regimens in 2024 Usage coverage by 2025?
Expansion of molecular testing as a test of entry, and drug susceptibility testing	National Expansion Plans with goals and costed in 202 Adoption of WHO benchmarks for universal access to diagnostic testing and regular monitoring.	Coverage of rapid diagnostic tests and SDT 1st and 2nd line: 100% by 2027 Baseline of the national situation of <i>parameters*</i> at the end of 2023 and annual monitoring
Shortened regimens for sensitive TB and BPaLM/BPaL	National plans for introduction and/or expansion by the end of 202 Inclusion and expansion of shortened regimens (sensitive, children, and MDR) in 2024	Treatment success > 90% by 2027 Introduction in 2024 BPaLM/BPaL use of 50% by 2025 and 90% by 2027
Social protection	Analysis of existing social protection programs at national and sub-national levels, and development of a plan for the inclusion of people affected by TB	Health and social benefits package coverage for TB-centred care: 100% by 2027



*WHO Standard benchmarks. [Universal Access to Rapid TB Diagnostic Tests](#)



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- migrate to and/or strengthen interoperable, case-based, **digital TB information systems**, as well as the analysis of the information.

Activities & Goals

Implementing dashboards to facilitate data visualization and analysis by 2025

Preparation and publication of annual reports from 2023 onwards

- engage other **sectors**, including **civil society**, to address the social determinants that impact people with TB.

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Initiate/continue the implementation of the multi-sectoral accountability framework.

- Keep an annual meeting of the national multi-sectoral TB committee for accountability

Initiate/accelerate the implementation of the ENGAGE-TB approach

- conduct/update mapping of civil society organizations that can be involved in TB work by 2024

- Planning meeting with civil society organisations and parliamentarians in 2024

- actualización e inclusión de estas intervenciones y metas en los **Planes Estratégicos Nacionales de TB**, que sean multisectoriales y costeados.
- **Monitoring progress** in the second half of 2024.

Commitments of the United Nations High-Level Meeting 2023

Global TB targets set out in the 2023 political declaration of the General Assembly's high-level meeting on TB



<p>Tuberculosis treatment coverage (percentage of the estimated number of people who develop TB each year who are provided with guaranteed quality diagnosis and treatment)</p>	<p>90% by 2027 (equivalent to up to 45 million people worldwide in the five-year period 2023-2027, including up to 4.5 million children and up to 1.5 million people with drug-resistant TB)</p>
<p>Coverage of TB preventive treatment (percentage of people at high risk of developing TB disease who receive TPT)</p>	<p>90% by 2027 (equivalent to approximately 45 million people worldwide in the five-year period 2023-2027, including 30 million household contacts of people with TB and 15 million people living with HIV)</p>
<p>Coverage of rapid diagnostic tests for tuberculosis (percentage of people diagnosed with TB who initially underwent a rapid molecular test recommended by the WHO)</p>	<p>100% by 2027</p>
<p>Coverage of the health and social benefits package for people with tuberculosis</p>	<p>100% by 2027</p>
<p>Annual funding of essential TB services</p>	<p>US\$ 22 billion by 2027, US\$ 35 billion by 2030</p>
<p>Annual investment in tuberculosis research</p>	<p>US\$ 5 billion by 2027</p>
<p>Facilitate the development of and access to new TB vaccines</p>	<p>Commit, in collaboration with the private sector and academia, to accelerate research, development and deployment of safe, effective, affordable and accessible pre- and post-exposure vaccines, preferably within the next 5 years, for all forms of TB in people of all ages</p>

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Thank you!