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Advocacy in Asia and the Pacific**  
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## **Background**

Ending the TB and TB/HIV epidemics by 2030, as stated by United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), requires a paradigm shift for the TB and HIV responses. If governments are to effectively respond to TB and TB/HIV, this shift will need people-centered, human rights-based and gender sensitive and coordinated approaches to the diseases. The 2018 UN High Level Meeting on TB (UMHLM) offers a unique opportunity to identify and offer a global response to challenges and promote strategic planning and coordinated advocacy towards ending TB.

Supporting an engaged, empowered and coordinated TB/HIV communities is a guiding principle for the work of the **Stop TB Partnership** (STBP) and the **International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies** (IFRC). Looking forward over the next 12 months, effective community advocacy amplified through strategic partnerships will be critical in key regions, including the Asia-Pacific. With this in mind, STBP and IFRC have combined with national **Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies**, the Activist Coalition on TB Asia-Pacific (**ACT! Asia-Pacific**) to design and deliver a workshop featuring key country and regional partners.

## **Objectives**

**To increase political TB and TB/HIV advocacy capacity of the workshop participants through:**

1. Identify and develop strategic advocacy priorities and messaging for the region, with a particular focus on resource mobilization and the UN High Level Meeting on TB.
2. Strengthen participants' political advocacy engagement skills
3. Increase participants' awareness on TB treatment literacy and key TB CRG tools; i.e., Legal Environment Assessment, Gender Assessment Tool, Key Populations Data Framework.
4. Foster strategic partnerships and facilitate coordination between the IFRC and its National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Stop TB Partnership, National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, ACT Asia-Pacific and other regional/national TB/HIV activists, to collectively advocate for a sustainable, community-centered and human-rights based responses to TB and HIV in Asia and the Pacific.

## **Expected outputs**

1. Regional and national partnership means of working between IFRC/RCRC National Societies, Stop TB Partnership, ACT Asia-Pacific developed and adopted.

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2. Knowledge and skills on communication and advocacy on TB/HIV responses increased.
3. Regional strategic advocacy priorities identified.
4. Knowledge and skills on implementation of CRG tools increased.

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## *Day 1, January 23, 2018. TB in Asia and the Pacific*

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**08:30 - 09:00**    Registration

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**09:00 - 09:45**    Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Lasha Gogvadze, IFRC
  - Viorel Soltan, STBP
  - Elvi Siahaan, ACT AP & MAP International
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**09:45 – 10:30**    Introductions, Logistics and Objectives

- Logistics – IFRC Bangkok
  - Objectives & Agenda – Lasha Gogvadze, IFRC
  - Introductions – Choub Sok Chamreun, ACT AP & KHANA
  - All Participants
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**10:30 - 11:15**    Introducing ACT AP, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the Stop TB Partnership

- Who are the partners?
- What are their TB Community-related visions, objectives, plans and updates

by Choub Sok Chamreun & Elvi Siahaan, ACT AP; Lasha Gogvadze, IFRC; Viorel Soltan, STP

Objective: Introducing the workshop partners, and the important role they each play.

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**11:15 - 11:40**    **Coffee break**

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**11:40 - 12:20**    **End TB Strategy and TB in Asia and the Pacific**

- The End TB Strategy
- TB epidemiology in Asia and the Pacific
- High burden countries in the region
- Q & A

by **Mukta Sharma, World Health Organization**

Objective: increased understanding of the TB epidemic in the region

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**12:20 - 12:30**    **The Global Plan to End TB**  
*How the different platforms respond to the global plans.*

by **Viorel Soltan, Stop TB Partnership**

Objective: Increased understanding of the global frameworks, existing global targets and the paradigm shift that is needed to achieve them.

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**12:30 - 13:30**    **Lunch**

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**13:30 - 14:45**    **Panel: Community Challenges & Priorities in the TB response in Asia-Pacific**

- *Political Will*
- *Alternatives to the prevailing bio-medical TB response*
- *Access and barriers to diagnostics, treatment, care and support*
- *Strategic investments and financing*
- *Coordinated and capacitated community activism*
- Q&A

Facilitator: **RD Marte, ACT AP & APCASO**

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Panel: from ACT AP - Maura Elaripe (IGATHOPE), Louie Teng, Akramul Islam (BRAC), Blessina Kumar (GCTA), Rachel Ong (GFAN AP)

Objectives: Background and insight into community perspective on different social aspects (including community barriers) of the TB response and the priorities identified by ACT AP

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**14:45 - 15:15      Coffee break**

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**15:15 – 16:30      Case Study – Zero TB Cities: Karachi:**

- Innovative, community-centred programming
- Building political will
- Q&A

By Falak Madhani, Zero TB, Global Health Directorate (VIDEO CONFERENCE)

Objective: Introducing Zero TB Cities – Karachi, highlight innovative and CRG programming and discuss how similar programmes could be implemented in the region.

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**16:30 - 17:30      Panel: Engaging Vulnerable Populations in the TB/HIV Response: The experiences in the region**

by Gantulga Batbyamba, Mongolian Red Cross Society, from ACT AP Nyan Win Phyo, Harry Prabowo, Dean Lewis, Elvi Siahaan

Facilitator: Eamonn Murphy (tbc), UNAIDS

Objective – Insights and opportunities for the engagement of TB and HIV vulnerable and underserved populations including PLHIV, PWUD and remote and mobile populations.

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## 17:30 – 17:45 Closing

- Day Outcomes

by [Lasha Gogvadze, IFRC](#)

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## *Day 2, January 24, 2018. Advocacy Actions and Engagements*

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### 09:00 - 09:15 Recap Day 1 and overview of Day 2 By [Maricel Buen](#) , ACT AP

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### 09:15 – 10:30 Supporting Communities to lead health responses in our region

- Global Fund, Donors and Technical Assistance  
by [Jeff Acaba & Jennifer Ho, ACT AP & APCASO](#)
- TB CRG Tools and Grants  
by [James Malar, STP](#)
- Group work: What are the Gaps?

Facilitator: [Jeff Acaba, ACT AP & APCASO](#)

Objective: Understanding what resources are available and what gaps remain.

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### 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

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### 11:00 - 12:15 The Importance of Funding TB & TB/HIV by [Rachel Ong, GFAN AP](#)

Objectives: Raise awareness on the importance of, and building solidarity towards CS advocacy for funding TB and TB/HIV; Identify areas for support and collaboration including Global Fund resource mobilization

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### 12:15 - 13:15 Lunch

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### 13:15-15:00 Strategic Political Advocacy

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- Making the TB response political
- Elements of Advocacy & Communications Plan
- Strategic Advocacy Planning – to address TB gaps
- Strategic Partnerships
- Communicating Advocacy messages

by **Jonas Bagas, APCASO**

Objectives: Participants develop insights, strategies and skills for effective TB focused advocacy, including a Red Cross and community draft plan for political effective TB advocacy in the region

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**15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break**

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**15:30 - 16:45 Strategic Political Advocacy** continued.

by **Jonas Bagas, APCASO.**

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**16:45 – 17:00 \*New\* WHO Civil Society Engagement Mechanism**

by **Blessina Kumar, GCTA.**

Objectives: Update on meeting with Dr Tedros, Dr Tereza & Dr Lucica in Geneva; explain why a mechanism is needed; & to nominate a representative from ACT AP to join the consultative mechanism / group.

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**17:00 - 17:15**

**Closing**

By **Lasha Gogvadze, IFRC**

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**18:00**

**Group Cocktail & Conversation with Thai Style Finger food**

**@ Cabbages & Condoms Restaurant BKK**

Sukhumvit 12 Alley, Khwaeng Khlong Toei, Khet Khlong Toei, Krung Thep Maha Nakhon 10110, Thailand

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## **Day 3, January 25, 2018 The UN HLM on TB**

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**09:00 – 09:15**    **Recap Day 2 and overview of Day 3**

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**09:15 - 09:45**    **UN High Level Meeting on TB**

- Overview
- Work-stream updates

by **Viorel Soltan with James Malar, STP**

Objective: Participants understand what is the HLM, why it is important, milestones and progress?

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**09:45-10:30**    **Priority Issues for Community**

- Consultations (Bangkok)- 6 priority principles)
- UNHLM Community Advisory Panel – structure, process and planning
- Opportunities & Challenges
- What is needed to mobilise CS?

by **Jeff Acaba with Dean Lewis and Louie Teng, ACT AP representatives on the HLM Panel**

Objective: Understand how the HLM Advisory Panel will work with partners in different sectors, will mobilise broader civil society and will promote effective mobilisation of civil society involvement in the lead up to (and beyond) the UN HLM on TB.

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**10:30 – 11:00**    **Coffee break**

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**11:00 - 12:30**    **UNHLM Advocacy Messaging**

- How are advocacy messages constructed?
- Group work: compose advocacy messages (including for HLM facilitators (Japan), governments and allies) for priority issues and identify how and where the messages will be delivered.
- Report back and discussion

By **Khuat Thi Hai Oanh, SCDI & RD Marte APCASO, ACT AP**

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Objective: Advocacy messages relevant to the region identified, mediums to deliver messages articulated.

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**12:30 – 13:30**    **Lunch**  
**14:15 - 16:30**

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## Developing the regional roadmap to HLM

- Identify key engagement opportunities, processes, forums and milestones to undertake at country and regional level
- Map out (by month) identified opportunities, processes, forums and milestones – and goals to achieve during these opportunities.
- Specify how Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies will work with ACT AP for effective engagement (including clearly allocated roles)
- Determine how will we keep each other informed on progress and accountable for commitments?
- Report back & discussion

by Khuat Thi Hai Oanh, SCDI & RD Marte, APCASO & ACT AP

## **Working Coffee Break**

Objectives: Plan out a roadmap of advocacy and engagement between now and September 2018 with clear actions and allocated responsibilities, with a particular focus of collaboration between ACT AP, Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies as well as how we will hold ourselves accountable for the promises we make.

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**16:30 - 17:00**    **Next steps & Closing**

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by Lasha Gogvadze, IFRC; Viorel Soltan, STP; Choub Sok Chamreun & Elvi Siahaan, ACT AP.

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