



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16 August 2018

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 4 May 2018, please find enclosed herewith the logistics note for the high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis to be held on 26 September 2018.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miroslav Lajčák

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York

**High-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis  
26 September 2018**

**Logistics Note**

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**1. Overview**

The General Assembly's high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis will be held on Wednesday, 26 September 2018. The modalities for the high-level meeting are set out in resolution 72/268.

The high-level meeting will focus on the theme: United to end tuberculosis: an urgent global response to a global epidemic.

The schedule of the meeting will be as follows:

10:30-11:30 a.m.	Opening segment (Conference Room 4)
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 3:00-5:30 p.m.	Plenary segment (Conference Room 4)
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Multi-stakeholder panel 1 (Trusteeship Council Chamber)
3:00-4:30 p.m.	Multi-stakeholder panel 2 (Trusteeship Council Chamber)
5:30-6:00 p.m.	Closing segment (Conference Room 4)

The high-level meeting shall approve a concise and action-oriented political declaration, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations, to be submitted by the President of the General Assembly for adoption by the Assembly.

**2. Opening, plenary segments and closing**

The opening segment will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Director-General of the World Health Organization, the Chair of the Stop TB Partnership and the Chair of the World Health Organization First Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Tuberculosis in the Sustainable Development Era: A Multisectoral Response, as well as an eminent high-level champion of the fight against tuberculosis and a person affected by tuberculosis.

The plenary segment will comprise statements by Member States and observers of the General Assembly.

The closing segment will comprise summaries of the multi-stakeholder panels, concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly and a statement by a person affected by tuberculosis.

Seating for Member States of the General Assembly will follow the General Assembly seating protocol and will be 1+1 for each delegation.

#### *List of speakers*

In accordance with paragraph 3 (b) of resolution 72/268, the plenary segment will be held from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. A list of speakers for the plenary segment will be established in accordance with established practices of the Assembly, and the time limits for these statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States.

Delegations are reminded of the limited time allocated to the plenary segment. The President of the General Assembly sent a letter to the chairs of the regional groups on the subject matter on 2 July 2018.

Member States communicated by their respective regional groups to speak during the plenary segment are encouraged to submit their requests for inscription to the list of speakers through the e-Speakers system, which will be accessible at <https://delegate.un.int> from Friday, 31 August, at 10 a.m. EDT, until Wednesday, 12 September, at noon EDT. An automated e-mail acknowledgement will be sent within one hour of receipt of request for inscription. A list of speakers will be circulated prior to the high-level meeting.

Observers wishing to speak during the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers (Ms. Yasmine Laabas at [laabas@un.org](mailto:laabas@un.org)).

PaperSmart Services will be available for the plenary segment. Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to [papersmart@un.org](mailto:papersmart@un.org). The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. Member States and Observers who cannot deliver their statement within the timeframe of the plenary segment may also submit their statement to PaperSmart.

### **3. Multi-stakeholder panels**

The two multi-stakeholder panels will be held in parallel to the plenary segment, and will address the following themes:

Panel 1: Accelerating comprehensive response through access to affordable prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care to end the tuberculosis epidemic, including multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis, taking into consideration co-morbidities and the linkages to relevant health challenges on each country's path towards achieving universal health coverage, taking note of and building on the efforts concerning an accountability framework to drive multisectoral action, as envisaged in the Moscow ministerial declaration.

Panel 2: Scaling up sufficient and sustainable national and international financing and implementation for service delivery, innovation and research and development to identify new diagnostics, drugs, vaccines and other prevention strategies.

Each multi-stakeholder panel will be co-chaired by two representatives of Member States to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with the regional groups.

Each multi-stakeholder panel will include speakers invited by the President of the General Assembly. The President of the General Assembly may invite parliamentarians, local governments, the heads or senior representatives of relevant United Nations entities, civil society, the private sector, academia, medical associations, indigenous leadership and community organizations to serve as speakers on the panels, taking into account gender equity, level of development and geographical representation. The panel discussion is expected to last around 45 minutes, after which the floor will be open for interventions.

Discussions in the multi-stakeholder panels are intended to be interactive in nature, and there will be no pre-established list of speakers. Time limits for interventions will be two minutes for individual delegations and three minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States. For planning purposes, Member States are invited to indicate their interest to intervene in one of the panels, including the name and level of the speaker, through the e-Speakers system, which will be accessible at <https://delegate.un.int> from Friday, 31 August, at 10 a.m. EDT, until Wednesday, 12 September, at noon EDT.

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#### **4. Participation of Member States and observers**

Member States are encouraged to participate in the high-level meeting, including the multi-stakeholder panels, at the highest possible level, preferably at the level of Heads of State and Government, and to consider including in their national delegations representatives such as parliamentarians, mayors and governors of cities and states with a high burden of tuberculosis, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, indigenous leadership, community organizations and faith-based organizations, academia, philanthropic foundations, the private sector and networks representing people affected by tuberculosis, with due regard to gender equity.

Observers of the General Assembly are also invited to be represented at the highest possible level.

#### **5. Participation of other stakeholders**

The United Nations system, including funds, programmes and specialized agencies, including the World Health Organization, regional commissions and relevant envoys of the Secretary-General, as well as the Stop TB Partnership, hosted by the United Nations Office for Project Services, the International Drug Purchase Facility (UNITAID), hosted by the World Health Organization and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, are invited to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate, and are urged to consider initiatives in support of the preparatory process and the meeting, in particular with regard to sharing good practices, challenges and lessons learned from tuberculosis-related responses.

Members of civil society, especially those representing communities and those in vulnerable situations heavily affected by tuberculosis, are invited to make a fundamental contribution to the process in terms of raising awareness of the issues faced by the poorest and most marginalized populations of the world.

Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council with relevant expertise were invited to register with the Secretariat to attend the meeting.

The President of the General Assembly was requested to draw up a list of other relevant representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector with expertise in tuberculosis who may attend the high-level meeting and participate in the interactive civil society hearing and the multi-stakeholder panels. The list was submitted to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis. The final list of approved organizations was circulated to Member States on 9 May 2018.

The registration process for representatives of non-governmental organizations with ECOSOC consultative status and other organizations with special accreditation has been completed.

## **6. Registration of members of official delegations**

Official delegations and members of the parties of Heads of State or Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses will be registered by the Protocol and Liaison Service. Missions/offices are required to submit their registration requests by using the online system “eAccreditation” available through the eDelegate Portal at <https://delegate.un.int> . The deadline for registration to all high-level meetings during the high-level period of the 73<sup>rd</sup> session of the General Assembly is **Friday, 14 September 2018**.

## **7. Access arrangements**

### *Access for Member States and Observers*

In addition to the UN grounds pass needed to access the UN premises, secondary access cards will be needed to enter the opening, plenary and closing segments and multi-

stakeholder panels in Conference Room 4 and the Trusteeship Council Chamber respectively.

For that purpose, every Permanent Mission will be issued **two** cards for access to **Conference Room 4** and **two** cards for access to the **Trusteeship Council Chamber**. These secondary access cards, issued by the Protocol and Liaison Service, are transferable amongst members of a delegation.

The secondary access cards for Member States will be distributed by the Protocol and Liaison Service on Thursday, 20 September 2018 between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm in Conference Room B. Thereafter, access cards may be collected in the Protocol Office at Room S-0200 during office hours.

Due to the limited capacity of the conference rooms, delegations of observers of the General Assembly are invited to send an expression of interest to attend the high-level meeting in writing to the General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division (email [laabas@un.org](mailto:laabas@un.org)), from Friday, 31 August to Tuesday 11 September. Access and seating will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, and secondary access cards will be distributed by the Protocol and Liaison Service on Thursday, 20 September 2018 between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm in Conference Room B. Thereafter, access cards may be collected in the Protocol Office at Room S-0200 during office hours.

#### *Access for specialized agencies*

Specialized agencies of the United Nations are invited to send an expression of interest to attend the high-level meeting to WHO Global TB Programme ([gtbprogramme@who.int](mailto:gtbprogramme@who.int)) no later than 31 August 2018. Access and seating will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, and secondary access cards will be distributed by the Protocol and Liaison Service on Thursday, 20 September 2018 between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm in Conference Room B. Thereafter, access cards may be collected in the Protocol Office at Room S-0200 during office hours.

#### *Access for UN entities*

United Nations entities, including funds and programmes, are invited to send an expression of interest to attend the high-level meeting to WHO Global TB Programme ([gtbprogramme@who.int](mailto:gtbprogramme@who.int)) no later than 31 August 2018. Access and seating will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, and participants should expect an email with details on time and location at which the secondary access cards are to be collected.

#### *Access for NGOs and other stakeholders*

The registration process for representatives of non-governmental organizations with ECOSOC consultative status and other organizations with special accreditation has been completed via the UN Indico platform. Once the applicant has received a confirmation email, they should expect a further email with details on time and location at which the special event ticket is to be collected.

Due to security restrictions for the High-Level week of the General Assembly, access to the UN will be via the checkpoint at 46<sup>th</sup> Street and 2nd Avenue. Please note that for security purposes, a government issued photo ID is required (1) to receive the special events ticket and (2) to enter the United Nations compound. Participants should arrive one hour prior to the start of the event to ensure enough time for the mandatory airport-standard security screening.

## **8. Media and Accreditation**

Media are welcome to cover the high-level meeting and to conduct press encounters, in accordance with the United Nations media accreditation procedure. The accreditation for the high-level meeting closes on 5 September 2018.

The information on press encounters can be found at the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (MALU) website, under Media Alert (<http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/alert.shtml>). For any other media inquiry other than accreditation, please contact the Office of the President of the General Assembly (Ms. Katharina Kandt at [kandt@un.org](mailto:kandt@un.org)).

Regarding accreditation, media accompanying Heads of State or Government or Heads of Delegation, including official photo and video, must request media passes in advance through the eAccreditation system on the e-Delegate portal: <https://delegate.un.int/>. Media members who wish to apply independently should follow the instructions at: <http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/accreditation.shtml>.

All members of the media, with valid pass, will be escorted to designated media areas by MALU. Questions or concerns should be directed to MALU at [malu@un.org](mailto:malu@un.org) or 212-963-6934. Information on media arrangements during the high-level week can be found at <http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/unga.shtml>

## **9. Webcast**

The United Nations Webcast services will provide live streaming coverage of the high-level meeting in 6 languages as well as on-demand coverage (recorded video) in English and original language, through the UN Web TV website at: <http://webtv.un.org>. The coverage will include the opening segment, plenary segment, the multi-stakeholder panels and the closing segment.

## **10. Documentation, Statements, Non-official language interpretation and Accessibility**

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements are invited to submit PDF versions of their statements via email to [papersmart@un.org](mailto:papersmart@un.org), no later than two hours in advance of

delivery. The name of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the email and in the heading of the statement. The statements will remain embargoed until their delivery and then posted.

Statements made in any of the six official languages of the General Assembly are interpreted into the other official languages. Any speaker may also make a statement in a language other than the official languages. In such cases, in accordance with rule 53 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the delegation in question must provide either an interpreter from the non-official language into an official language, or a written text of the statement in one of the official languages to be read out by a United Nations interpreter. On the basis of this interpretation or the written text which is accepted by the Secretariat as representing the official text of the statement, it will be interpreted into the other official languages by United Nations interpreters.

When a written text is provided, the delegation concerned should make available to the interpreter someone who knows the language in which the statement is to be delivered and the official language into which it has been translated, to guide the interpreter through the translated text and to ensure synchronization between the speaker and the interpreter.

Detailed arrangements for interpretation from non-official languages, including access by non-United Nations interpreters to the interpreter booths in the conference room, must be made in advance through the Meetings Management. The interpreter or the guide provided by the delegation should be brought by the delegation to the conference officers' desk in the conference room 30 minutes prior to the delivery of the statement.

Closed captioning (CART services) will be provided for the opening, plenary and closing segments as well as for the multi-stakeholder panels of the high-level meeting.

The United Nations Accessibility Centre offers assistive information and communication technology to support audio, visual as well as physical impairments. The assistive devices are available on-site or as a loan to participants with disabilities. The Accessibility Centre is located in the Conference Building, Room S-1B032 (Level 1B) by the Secretarial Building escalators.

The DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC) located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance.