World TB Day 24th March

"TB and Tobacco: A Preventable Tragedy, A Shared Responsibility"

Tuesday 22 April 2025

Register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/168VEA7ZyGMyajLBnuIHrhIEahbJLhevf2_9fPBDls28/edit

Join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87844352424?pwd=0SNoMUdsMALg74fiXE38F9GMwQzbpL.1

Meeting ID: 878 4435 2424

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Background:

Tobacco smoking and tuberculosis represent a significant global public health concern. Smoking stands as a potent risk factor for TB. Extensive scientific research underscores smoking's substantial role in TB, amplifying the risk of infection, mortality, treatment relapse, heightened clinical severity, and delays in both diagnosis and treatment. According to the WHO, the eradication of smoking could potentially reduce TB rates by up to 20%. Thus, there is a pressing need to prioritize concerted efforts in integrating TB and tobacco control strategies to address this critical issue.

Objectives:

The Webinar, titled **"TB and Tobacco: A Preventable Tragedy, A Shared Responsibility"** is held in commemoration of World TB Day 2025. Its primary aims are:

1. **Build Policy Awareness of the TB-Tobacco Link** – Educate participants on the strong correlation between tobacco use and tuberculosis (TB), including how smoking increases TB infection risk, worsens disease progression, and hinders treatment outcomes.
2. **Promote Evidence-Based Tobacco Control for TB Prevention** – Highlight effective tobacco control policies and interventions, such as smoking cessation programs and smoke-free environments, as critical strategies to reduce TB burden and improve public health.
3. **Strengthen Collaboration between TB and Tobacco Control Programs** – Encourage collaboration between public health sectors, TB control and tobacco control programs, develop integrated actions and interventions for tackling both epidemics simultaneously.

By bringing together various stakeholders, including policymakers, healthcare professionals, and community organizations, the webinar will enable the sharing of best practices, innovative strategies, and experiences in TB and tobacco control. This collaborative effort will emphasize the critical connection between TB and tobacco use and encourage coordinated actions towards integrated public health strategies to address these intertwined challenges. These efforts are crucial for accelerating progress towards ending TB and reducing smoking prevalence, ultimately improving the health and well-being of the population.

Organizers:

- Ministry of Health, Republic of Indonesia
- Vital Strategies
- International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union), Asia Pacific Region
- Association of All Health Offices Indonesia (ADINKES)
- Asia Pacific Cities Alliance for Health and Development (APCAT)
- APCA Media

Participants:

- National and local governments
- Researchers and academicians
- Public Health Advocates
- Youth Organization
- TB affected communities
- Regional and International Partners
- National and International Media

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Time	Activities	Details
08:55 – 09:00	Housekeeping and briefing	MC
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome and Overview of Program	MC
Session 1 ***Opening Session: The Deadly Intersection: TB and Smoking Co-Epidemics***		Moderator
09:05 – 09:15	***Opening Remarks*** - **Dr. Gan Quan**, Senior Vice-President, Vital Strategies, New York, USA (10 mins)	
09:15 – 9:20	- **Prof. Guy Marks**, President, International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (5mins)	
09:25 – 09:35	***Keynote speech (10 mins)*** **Indonesia's Efforts to End TB and smoking** **HE. Budi Gunadi Sadikin** Minister of Health, Republic of Indonesia	
09:35 – 09:40	*Warm-up Session (Poll-Based Quiz, Mentimeter)*	Moderator
Session 2 ***TB and tobacco link***		Moderator
09:45 – 10:00 10:0 – 10:15	A pack of evidence on TB and Tobacco Link (10mins) **Dr Erlina Burhan**, Head of TB Assembly, Asia Pacific Society of Respirology and Board of Directors, International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union) **Addressing TB and tobacco smoking** (10mins) **Regional Advisor-TB**, WHO South-East Asia Regional Office, New Delhi, India	
	(Poll-Based Quiz, Mentimeter)	
Session 3 ***Promote Evidence-Based Tobacco Control for TB Prevention***		
10:15 – 10:20 10:25 – 10:35 10:40 – 10:50	Tobacco Cessation interventions within regular TB control- Lessons learned from high-burden countries – 10mins **Dr. Tara Singh Bam, Director, APAC Tobacco Control, Vital Strategies** Efforts to integrate smoking cessation into TB control program in Indonesia (10mins) **Dr. Tiara Pakasi, Coordinator, National TB Control Program, Ministry of Health, Indonesia** Smoking cessation efforts in Malaysia **Prof Dr M Haniki Nik Mohamed, Pharmacy Practice Department, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)**	
	(Poll-Based Quiz, Mentimeter)	
Session 4: Strengthen Collaboration between TB and Tobacco Control Programs		
11:00 – 11:25	**Expert panel discussion (5 mins each)-** - **Dr. Siti Nadia Tarmizi,** Director, Directorate of Noncommunicable Disease Prevention, MOH Indonesia - **Dr. Ohkado Akihiro**, Research Institute of Tuberculosis, Japan - **Dr. Lin Yan, The Union**	
	(Poll-Based Quiz, Mentimeter)	
Session 5: Wrap up and closing		

11:30 – 11:45	Dr. M Subuh, Head, ADINKES	
	Closing	