

The UnionInternational Union Against
Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
Asia Pacific Region

Conference Declaration on Accelerating Action to End Tuberculosis in the Asia-Pacific Region

The Conference is deeply concerned that tuberculosis remains the most urgent and unfinished public health challenge in the Asia-Pacific region, which continues to **bear the largest share of the global TB burden** while progress toward the End TB 2030 targets remains dangerously off track. The Conference is alarmed that, despite the availability of effective diagnostics, treatment, and proven public health tools, tuberculosis transmission continues because **current approaches are not adequately aligned with the epidemiological realities of high-burden settings**. Overreliance on passive case detection, fragmented communication, persistent stigma, and the allocation of limited resources to low-impact interventions are allowing preventable illness and deaths to continue.

The Conference calls on governments, partners, and stakeholders across the Asia-Pacific region to urgently prioritize interventions with the greatest epidemiological impact, including universal rapid molecular testing with same-day drug resistance detection, systematic and people-centered active case finding at scale, strong local accountability, reliable information and supply systems, and comprehensive support for treatment completion. The Conference further emphasizes that **communication, education, and stigma reduction** are essential components of tuberculosis control, and urges expanded use of social media, public education, and community engagement to normalize testing, counter misinformation, and build public trust in care. The Conference calls on the Union Asia-Pacific Region to support monitoring, advocacy, and regional collaboration to accelerate measurable progress toward the End TB targets. The Asia-Pacific region has the expertise and responsibility to change the course of tuberculosis. To succeed, **extraordinary action is required, not business as usual**.

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Sincerely,



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