Despite commitments by countries to end TB as part of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the WHO End TB Strategy, and the Global Plan to End TB 2016-2020, these commitments will be elevated to Heads of State at the First-Ever UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on TB, scheduled for September 2018.

To address the shortfall, 120 Ministers and other health leaders, and 800 Partners including civil society, came together at the First WHO Global Ministerial Conference on Ending TB in November 2017. These commitments will be elevated to Heads of State at the

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The High-Level Meeting on TB should result in an **AMBITION POLITICAL DECLARATION ON TB** that will strengthen action and investments towards ending TB, saving millions of lives.

To move faster, the countries of South-East Asia Regions, which together bear 45% of the global TB burden, came together in the Delhi End TB Summit in March 2018 to commit to ambitious actions to end TB in the region.

The stakeholders - governments, UN agencies, partners, civil society, private sector actors, research and academia, health care providers, and the general public –

**CAN AND SHOULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SECURING COMMITMENT AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.**

*United Nations High-level Meeting on TB*
Tuberculosis (TB) is among the causes of death worldwide. One third of the world’s population (approx 2 billion people) is infected with TB. Funding for TB prevention and care, needs to be doubled from the current level of 6 to 7 billion USD to 13 billion USD per annum.

Without immediate concrete action, an estimated 28 million people will die from TB by 2030 at a global economic cost of 1 trillion USD. However, every dollar spent on TB could return benefits to society worth 27USD to 85USD.

TB research and development are severely underfunded with at least additional 1.3 billion USD per year needed to accelerate development of new, innovative tools.

Through the Sustainable Development Goals and their endorsement of the WHO End TB Strategy, UN Member States have committed to ending the TB epidemic by 2030.

The first ever UN High-Level Meeting on TB will take place on 26 September 2018. The meeting aims to build momentum, drive cross-sectoral action and accelerate global and national progress and achieve the goal of ending TB.

Every year over 10 million people develop TB. Of them, approx. one million are children, one million are people living with HIV. Over 4 million people miss out on TB care and treatment. Every year 600,000 people develop drug-resistant TB and only 1 in 4 people received treatment.

*Data from the Global Tuberculosis Report 2017*