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## International Conference on Integrated TB Control

September 26-27, 2016 Almaty, Kazakhstan

### Press Release

#### International Conference on Integrated Tuberculosis Control to be Held in Almaty, Kazakhstan

The International Conference on Integrated Tuberculosis Control (the "Conference") will be held on September 26 and 27, 2016 in Almaty, Kazakhstan, with the participation of the Republic of Kazakhstan State Secretary -- Gulshara Abdykalikova -- and the Republic of Kazakhstan Minister of Health and Social Development -- Tamara Duisenova. Representatives of the ministries of health, national tuberculosis programs, and tuberculosis experts from the Central Asian countries (the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, the Republic of Turkmenistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan), the Republic of Belarus, the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, South Korea, Ukraine, the United States of America, and other countries, and TB experts from the World Health Organization (WHO), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund), Project HOPE, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Rutgers University, and other international non-governmental organizations will participate in the Conference.

**Conference Organizers:** The Republic of Kazakhstan Ministry of Health and Social Development, the National Center of Tuberculosis Problems, and Project HOPE, with financial support from USAID and the Global Fund.

**Conference Goals:** Effective implementation of the WHO "End TB" Strategy (the Strategy) in 2016-2035 in the countries of the Central Asian Region.

Tuberculosis continues to be a serious public health challenge throughout the world, and particularly in the countries of the Eurasia region. According to the latest WHO estimates, approximately 8.5 million people every year are afflicted with this disease, and 1.3 million die from it.

The Central Asian states and their ministries of health and national TB programs have demonstrated a growing commitment to reducing the burden of TB under the new Strategy. As a result of the effective implementation of a number of tuberculosis control interventions with the support of the State, in the last 10 years, incidence of tuberculosis in Kazakhstan has dropped 55% while the mortality rate has dropped nearly 80%.

Notwithstanding impressive success in tuberculosis control, Kazakhstan is among 18 countries in the WHO European Region with a high incidence of multiple drug-resistant forms of tuberculosis (MDR-TB). Based on the Strategy, Kazakhstan has developed a model of integrated tuberculosis control with an ambitious goal of ending the tuberculosis epidemic. The three objectives of the integrated tuberculosis control model are: ensuring effective tuberculosis prevention with a focus on children, early detection, and effective diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis, including its drug-resistant forms. The implementation of the Strategy calls for integration of primary care with tuberculosis services in the delivery of tuberculosis treatment, the implementation of clinical management, and the rollout of outpatient models of care based on a patient-centered approach.

Integration of all stakeholder government agencies and services and joint efforts of international and civil society organizations will facilitate further reduction of the tuberculosis burden and, ultimately, will lead to the complete eradication of the disease in Kazakhstan. The Conference will be held in a format of plenary sessions, meetings of working groups on priority TB control topics, and master classes taught by the world's leading research centers.

**Date and Venue:** September 26 and 27, 2016, 8:30 am, Rixos Hotel (506, Seyfullin Avenue, corner of Kabanbai Batyr). Members of the media are invited to attend a press briefing during the first coffee break of the Conference.

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