GLOBAL TB CAUCUS (www.globaltbcaucus.org)

The Barcelona Declaration is the founding document of the Global TB Caucus. The Declaration is open to any political representative in the world to sign and is a demonstration of support and solidarity for efforts to end the TB epidemic. It is designed to raise the profile of the disease amongst politicians and is a tool for advocates wishing to engage local decision-makers.

To date the Declaration has been translated into fifteen languages and signed by over 1,000 political representatives from over 100 countries. Translation of the Declaration into Nepali and a Power Point Presentation of the same can be found below or contact us at info@vfdnepal.org

The Second Global TB Summit organized in Cape Town drew to a close with an unparalleled display of political resolve to lead the fight against tuberculosis (TB).

The Summit saw 50 political representatives from 30 countries meet to discuss what they could do, collectively and individually, to tackle the disease. Across a three-day program the representatives heard presentations from world-leading experts and civil society, and visited TB programs in the Cape Town area.

The delegates at the Summit were members of the Global TB Caucus, a worldwide network of parliamentarians founded in Barcelona in October 2014. Since the initial meeting of just nine countries, the Caucus has grown to become one of the biggest networks of its kind in the world, boasting support from over 1,000 parliamentarians in 101 countries.

The list of Nepalese Signatories (Members of Legislature Parliament) can be found in the website of the Global TB Caucus or below in this page. If you're a political representative and you want to add your name to the Barcelona Declaration, please contact info@vfdnepal.org or info@globaltbcaucus.org

THE BARCELONA DECLARATION (Full Text in English and Nepali)

We, the undersigned, as political representatives of various peoples of the world, recognizing that every man, woman and child should be able to live their lives free from the tyranny of disease, HEREBY DECLARE:

1. That tuberculosis (TB) has killed a greater number of people than any other infectious disease in human history and continues to be responsible for 1.5 million deaths a year, often affecting the most vulnerable, and that it should be a global political priority.

2. That the current rate of progress in combating TB is too slow, such that the disease will remain a threat to the social and economic wellbeing of millions of citizens around the world for centuries to come, and that accelerating progress against the disease should be recognized by all governments to be in the interests of all.

3. That drug-resistant TB demonstrates a collective failure to address the disease properly, imposing an often unbearable burden of treatment on patients and threatening to setback progress against the disease at the grave cost of millions of lives, and that it should be the focus for urgent action.

4. That the current drugs for TB treatment are inadequate, that vaccines and diagnostics are insufficient, and that the commercial market for pharmaceutical development has failed TB patients.

5. That TB imposes on patients a triple burden, combining the devastating health impact of the disease itself, the harsh burden of treatment, and the isolation of social exclusion driven by stigma and fear, and that these problems should be addressed holistically by national health programs.

6. That TB co-infections such as HIV and diabetes compound the challenges faced by patients during treatment, hindering efforts to reduce rates of disease and increasing the mortality and morbidity associated with TB, and that healthcare systems should integrate programs for key co-infections.

We therefore commit to use all the means at our disposal to urge sustained action from our governments, to secure the necessary international and domestic resources to combat TB, and to press for the prioritization of the
7. To demand that every patient, regardless of who they are, where they live, or their ability to pay, shall have access to quick, accurate diagnosis and high quality treatment, and that TB diagnosis and treatment never result in the impoverishment of patients or their families.

8. To call for a model of research and development that is driven by public health need and will support and enhance existing pipelines of desperately needed new drugs, diagnostics and vaccines, to ensure that new treatments are accessible and affordable for the patients who need them.

9. To insist that patients and vulnerable groups are placed at the heart of the response to the disease, supporting the engagement of communities and civil society groups in every aspect of TB prevention, detection, and treatment, puncturing stigma and giving patients a stronger voice in the response to the epidemic.

And to this effect WE HEREBY AGREE to establish a new global parliamentary caucus to press for a more effective response to the TB epidemic, working with official organizations including the World Health Organization, UNITAID, the Global Fund, the Stop TB Partnership, the Union and UNAIDS, and with non-governmental organizations across the world, reaching across political and geographical divides and seeking to build commitment in our own countries and beyond, to secure an end to the TB epidemic within a generation.
5. ध्यायरोगले विरामीमाध्यम रोगको कहाँली लाग्ने प्रभाव लगायत ठुंगै बहुप्रभावी असरहर ओपनका साथै सामाजिक अलगाव र सन्त्रास पैदा गर्ने भएकाले यस रोगको उन्मुक्तनमा सबै प्रकारका सामाजिक प्रयास गरिनु पर्दछ।

6. ध्यायरोगले एचआईवी, मधुमेहका विरामीहरू सजिले आक्रमण गर्ने हुने ध्यायरोगीको उपचारको जटिलता द्वारा र उपचारको प्रतिक्रिया असर पुष्टाँका साथै ध्यायरोग सम्बन्धी रोग संक्रमण दर र मृत्युदराई बढ्न दिने भएकाले यसलाई राष्ट्रिय स्वास्थ्य प्रणालीमा एककृत र रूपमा समावेश गरी सम्बोधन गरिनु पर्दछ।

यसै, हामी हामी सबै हैँसियत र श्रम ध्याय प्रदशंश गर्दै सरकारलाई यसका निर्णय दियो प्रयतन गर्न आवश्यक घरेलू तथा वाहन श्रमको परीक्षण गरेको ध्यायरोगलाई परास्त गर्न र यस कार्यलाई उज्ज्वल राजनीतिक प्रभावका ताल्लूक राख्नु आवश्यक गर्नका साथै पहल समेत गरिएको छ। बाच गरी-

7. कुनै पाई ध्यायरोगी चाह्रे जो कोही छन्, जहाँ सुयुक्ता हुन तथा उपचार खट्टा बहान गर्न सबै श्रम भएका छैन कि नहुन, ले ध्यायरोगको शारीर तथा सही निदान र गुणस्तरीय उपचारमा सरल पहुँच पाउनु पर्दछ ता की ध्यायरोगको कारण कोही पाई व्यक्त वा परिवार घरेलू विविध हुन नपरोस भने आवज्ञा गरिनु हु।

8. जनस्वास्थ्य श्रेणीको आवश्यकतालाई पूरा गर्न सबै किसिमले विशेष नमूना अनुसन्धान कार्यको परिकल्पना र विकास गरिनु पर्दछ ता की यसबाट अध्येयतापूर्वक प्रतिक्रिया गरिएको क्षणरोगको नयाँ तथा प्रभावको श्रीमान, श्रीमा र खोपको चलनरूपका अनुसरण र विकास कार्यलाई प्रोत्साहन तथा वढ्न दिइयोस नसले गर्दा ध्यायरोगको उपचार आवश्यकता भएका सबैले सर्वसुलभ हुने नयाँ आविष्कारको उपयोग गर्न पाउन।

9. ध्यायरोगको विरामी तथा यस रोगको उज्ज्वल जोखिममा रहेका सबैलाई राख्नु रोग नियन्त्रण कार्यको केन्द्रमा राख्नु पर्दछ तथा रोगको विस्तारको लदाकामा सबै समुदायसंग हार्मोनलो गरेर यस रोग आउट पैतृक र सन्तासलाई घटाउँदै ध्यायरोग सजीवता महामारीको विस्तार र ध्यायरोगीको पक्षमा आवज्ञा विलुप्त गरि सफल यो।

तस्यं, यस कार्यको लागि हामी यहाँ उपस्थित मानिनी समाजदर्शी विविधका अन्य सांसदहरुको समुहले शुरू गरेको विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन UNITAID, व्लोबल फंड, STOP TB Partnership, यूनि, UNAIDS तथा राष्ट्रिय तथा अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय गैर सरकारी संस्थाहरू संग सहकार्य गरेका राजनीतिक विविधता र भौगोलिक कठिनाइका वाघातु देश भित्र र बाहिर आगामी एक पूर्ता भित्र ध्यायरोगको महामारीलाई अन्य गर्न प्रतिबिंब व्यक्त गरिनु हु।