

Update from WGND Community Representatives



WGND Annual Meeting

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Who are the community representative on the NDWG?

Roles and responsibilities include:

1. Facilitating communication between the WG and affected communities
2. Strengthening and enhancing WG secretariat awareness of the relevant activities and concerns of the affected communities.
3. Strengthening community awareness and participation of the activities and concerns of the WG.
4. We are voice for patients and represents the issues and viewpoints of communities directly affected by TB

What We Do

- ❑ Increase public awareness of ongoing TB drugs R&D e.g. Community meetings, through NGOs
- ❑ Engage civil society to advocate for TB R&D
- ❑ Advocate for increased funding for TB drugs R&D → Civil society coalitions & TAG
- ❑ Provide community perspective on TB drug development to researchers
- ❑ Advise the WGND on community advocacy strategies and community involvement initiatives
- ❑ Empower affected communities & make effective involvement to create ownership e.g. community trainings



Advocacy Priorities 2011-12

- Enhance community knowledge on the need for new TB Drugs & importance of participating in clinical trials or operational research on TB
 - Engage with TB researchers & establish ongoing communication
 - Educational workshops on the need for new TB drugs
 - Organise the December workshop on TB R&D with the European Community Advisory Board (ECAB)

Advocacy Priorities 2011-12 Cont'

- Advocate for clear and efficient regulatory guidelines for approval of drugs and regimens, from clinical development to registration of drugs
 - Presenting community concerns on platforms like IAS, Union
 - Bringing the community perspective in EAP/CU-related initiatives such as CPTR
 - Attend meetings with regulatory authorities
 - Participate in global, regional and local CABs (eg. GTCAB)



Concluding Remarks

- Community participation is key to ensure ownership of TB R&D



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