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International workshop on effective management of Latent Tuberculosis Infection and Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis (11-14 March 2019, Cotonou, Benin)

Of the 47 countries in the African region of the World Health Organization (WHO), 44 were represented. This workshop was organized by the WHO Regional Office for Africa (AFRO), in collaboration with WHO/TDR, WHO/Global TB Programme, Regional Tuberculosis Networks for West and Central Africa (WARN-TB and CARN-TB), Access and Delivery Partnership (ADP).

The objectives of this workshop were:

- to understand the new recommendations;
- to plan the implementation of the main points of the transition plans;
- to identify obstacles to the implementation of best practices;
- to identify operational research/action research questions.

Remarks by the Executive Secretary of WARN/CARN-TB

"I'm very happy with the first issue of this newsletter. Since my first steps in the fight against TB, about 20 years ago, I understood very quickly that individual efforts in african countries will not end TB because the pathogen knows no borders. Fortunately, the whole continent is now committed to eliminate TB by 2030 and it is necessary to coordinate their activities at regional level. The WARN-TB and CARN-TB networks brings together the TB control programmes of 27 countries in the West and Central Africa to implement synergistic actions against TB in the region. A newsletter every quarter on activities of this network is really welcome.

Prof. Dissou Affolabi
Executive Secretary of WARN/CARN-TB



World TB Day 2019 : the TB village in DRC
24 March 2019

As the Democratic Republic of Congo commemorated World TB Day on Sunday, March 24, 2019, like the rest of the world, a four-day 'TB Village' was set up for active, free and voluntary screening of tuberculosis cases in the community at Place Sainte-Thérèse, in the Commune of N'djili, Kinshasa.



Launch of the TB-Lab project
15 March 2019

The TB-lab project aims to improve the capacity of West and Central African countries to make quality diagnosis of susceptible and drug-resistant tuberculosis. It is financed by the global fund and will be coordinated by the supranational reference laboratory in Cotonou and WARN/CARN-TB.



Module 2 of the operational research training for Central African countries

11-14 February 2019

After the first module in November 2018, Cotonou hosted the second module of the training on operational research organized by the West African Regional Network for Tuberculosis control (WARN-TB). The workshop focused on writing a research protocol (literature review and use of data collection software) and the conduct of the study.

Upcoming events

01-03 July 2019

Golden Tulip Hotel le Diplomate, Cotonou

Workshop to share best practices and lessons learned in tuberculosis case finding and treatment in Western and Central Africa: *Community approaches and childhood TB*

02-06 December 2019

Hotel du Lac, Cotonou

Module 3 of the operational research training for Central African countries