



WELCOME TO THE 46TH UNION WORLD CONFERENCE ON LUNG HEALTH

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 46th Union World Conference on Lung Health, which will be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) in Cape Town, South Africa, 2–6 December 2015.

The conference theme is “[A New Agenda: Lung Health Beyond 2015](#)”. This theme reflects the changing landscape of global public health, and the new era of action that we will embark on together in the coming years.

When the World Conference convenes in Cape Town, the Millennium Development Goals era will be ending as a new development agenda takes hold, guided by the Sustainable Development Goals. The World Health Organization’s new Global TB Strategy will be entering its first year of implementation, while the Stop TB Partnership’s Global Plan to Stop TB will shift into its next phase. And as the use of e-cigarettes become increasingly widespread, they will continue fundamentally transforming the tobacco control landscape.

The five-day scientific programme will address how these new agendas will influence the inter-related fights against tuberculosis, HIV, lung disease and non-communicable diseases, as well as the global campaign for tobacco control. We will convene leaders from around the world and identify solutions for achieving success in the post-2015 era of global health and development.

We look forward to welcoming you to Cape Town.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "José Luis Castro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

José Luis Castro

Executive Director – The Union

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The scientific programme includes more than 150 sessions featuring presenters from 65 countries. The programme includes:

- Global TB Symposium organised by the World Health Organization (WHO)
- Post-graduate courses
- Workshops
- Over 50 symposia
- Oral abstract sessions
- Poster discussion sessions
- Plenary sessions
- 'Meet the expert' sessions

PRINCIPAL TOPICS

- TB and lung diseases in children and adults
- Clinical management of TB, HIV and non-communicable diseases
- Advances in drugs, vaccines and diagnostic methods
- Airborne infections
- Global tobacco control
- Smoking cessation
- Effect of air pollution on lung health
- Patient-centred care and behavioural research
- Services for vulnerable populations
- Advocacy for lung health

WHO ATTENDS

The conference attracts public health professionals and policy-makers from developing countries and brings recognised experts and opinion leaders from all over the world to lead the debates.





ABSTRACTS

Authors are encouraged to send their abstracts to be presented at the Cape Town 2015 conference. The Union offers an Abstract Mentor Programme to support and encourage the participation of young and/or less experienced investigators from low-resource settings.

Further information and submission deadlines will be available on the website in **February 2015**.

SYMPOSIA

Online submission will open at the end of **November 2014** for sessions to be included in the scientific programme. We welcome your ideas for sessions relating to TB, HIV, adult and child lung health and tobacco control. We also highly encourage submissions from members of civil society, as well as sessions about community-driven interventions.

Online submission is required via:
<http://services.theunion.org>

REGISTRATION

On average some 3,000 delegates from more than 120 countries attend the annual Union World Conferences.

Registration will open in **May 2015**.

Early-bird discount rates apply!
Register before 20 August 2015 to benefit from these special rates.

CME CREDITS

The Union will seek accreditation from the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) for the activities to be offered.

EXHIBITOR BOOTHS

The Union offers a unique opportunity for exhibitors to showcase their products and services to delegates from all over the world, who are interested in lung health and related topics.

The Union's conference exhibition area also provides excellent opportunities for networking with delegates and other exhibitors. A variety of companies, agencies, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and other health organisations exhibit at the conference.

All coffee breaks and rest areas, Internet area, poster sessions and registration desks are situated on the same level as the exhibition area, providing frequent and repeated opportunities for delegates to visit the exhibits.

A list of exhibitors is published in the final programme, which is distributed to all attending delegates, thus increasing exhibitors' exposure.

Discounted prices on the booths are offered to Union organisational members, publishers and fellow NGOs.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Various sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available, including sponsored satellite symposia, flyer inserts and advertising in the final programme, as well as sponsorship of participants from low-income countries.

If you have questions about exhibiting at the World Conference, please write to: capetown2015@theunion.org or visit www.worldlunghealth.org.

THE UNION OFFICIALS

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ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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WELCOME TO CAPE TOWN

Welcome to Cape Town, the “Mother City”

The oldest town in South Africa, Cape Town is full of rich history and abundant with natural beauty. From Table Mountain to the Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, visitors are surrounded by exciting sites to explore.

Most major airlines fly to Cape Town International Airport from all over the world. Many airlines also fly into Johannesburg, where travelers can catch a flight directly to Cape Town. Regular buses, trains and taxis allow for easy transportation to and from the airport and Cape Town’s city centre.

Cape Town International Conference Centre (CTICC)

The Cape Town International Conference Centre, which opened in 2003, is a premiere site for conventions and business activities.

The CTICC is an elegant modern conference facility with bright comfortable meeting rooms and easy access to hotels, the harbor and downtown.

In addition to business facilities, CTICC offers resources, such as a coffee shop that is the perfect place to meet, think and exchange ideas, and the Marimba Restaurant, which offers trendy African-themed cuisine and live entertainment.

Cape Town’s most celebrated attractions, such as Table Mountain, the V & A Waterfront and the colourful, culture -rich Bo-Kaap district are also easily reached from the CTICC’s central location.



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**The largest conference
focusing on lung health issues
as they affect low-
and middle-income
countries**

CONFERENCE VENUE

Cape Town International Convention Centre
(CTICC)

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