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Dr. Amiran Gamkrelidze
Director General of the National Center
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Tbilisi
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Dear Dr Amiran Gamkrelidze,

**WHO Barcelona Course on Health Systems Strengthening for
Improved TB Prevention and Care
Barcelona, Spain
16-20 October 2017**

The World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (the Regional Office) is planning to conduct a second training programme on health systems strengthening with a focus on TB prevention and care. This five-day course aims to support capacity building in the frame of the TB Regional Project (TB-REP) financed by the Global Fund, in collaboration with the PAS. Please find attached a flyer of this project.

The course covers a wide range of health system functions from financing, through service delivery, to governance including change management. These are addressed in an integrated, whole-system framework with emphasis on system diagnostics and alignment of policy tools to improve TB prevention and care in the Region. Please find attached the course announcement which provides further details about the training.

We have a pleasure to invite you as the national TB-REP focal point to attend this course and to select two candidates/members of national working group on TB-REP according to their professional background as well as their contribution to the implementation of reforms in health system strengthening for TB prevention and care, which are in line with TB-REP project. Given that the course will focus on service delivery as well as on health financing, we invite you to suggest candidates within the Ministry of Finance or another agency who are responsible for planning and financing of health and social sectors.

Please note that the cost of two participants for the training will be covered by national grants of the Global Fund and one participant by TB-REP grant i.e. travel, accommodation and all meals for the duration of the programme.

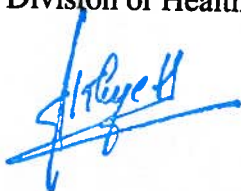
Regional Office for Europe, together with partners, will agree on suggested participants and then the participants will be informed of the necessary administrative and logistical information.

The working language will be English, with simultaneous translation into Russian.

We look forward to welcoming participants to this course on the important topic of health systems strengthening with a focus on TB prevention and care.

Yours very truly,

Dr Hans Kluge,
Director, Division of Health Systems and Public Health



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TB Regional Project (TB-REP) flyer

Announcement of the WHO Barcelona Course on Health Systems Strengthening for Improved TB Prevention and Care

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