

UNION COURSES

COURSE BRIEF

1. **Course Title:** Principles of Tuberculosis Care and Prevention: Translating Knowledge to Action
2. **Dates:** To be confirmed
3. **Location:** Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
4. **Language:** English
5. **Number of participants (Maximum):** 25

6. **Introduction**

Previously known as the International Tuberculosis Course and held in Arusha, Tanzania for over 20 years.

This course was developed based on the lessons learned in the so called 'Arusha course' that many today's national tuberculosis programme managers, provincial, regional, district and country tuberculosis coordinators attended.

The Principles course held in Zimbabwe continues to provide the epidemiological, bacteriological, clinical and programmatic inputs that health professionals need to understand on the principles of TB care and prevention and the skills to manage patients with both drug-susceptible and –resistant tuberculosis. This course has a strong focus on collection, analysis and use of routinely available tuberculosis data for decision making at all levels of healthcare.

7. **Target audience**

This course is designed for specialists, medical and clinical officers, nurses, laboratory technicians, tuberculosis coordinators working at all levels of healthcare, monitoring and evaluation officers, TB and HIV/AIDS, and non-communicable diseases and tobacco control programme staff and health policy and decision makers, who are primarily working in low- and middle-income countries.

8. **Objectives**

At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the bacteriological and epidemiological basis of effective tuberculosis patient care and programme management
- Understand transmission of TB bacilli and pathogenesis of tuberculosis

- Understand diagnosis and treatment of TB infection and disease, including drug-resistant tuberculosis
- Record, report, analyse and use data on TB case finding and treatment for decision-making at all levels of healthcare
- Work collaboratively with various healthcare programmes and providers to further strengthen quality patient care and programme management

9. Faculty:

Dr Riitta Dlodlo, lead faculty

10. Continuing Education Credits

Tuberculosis and Lung Health Course participants are eligible to earn continuing education units (CEU) and continuing medical education (CME). The Tuberculosis and Lung Health Courses are accredited by both the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) and the European Board for Accreditation in Pneumology (EBAP).

11. What costs will be required to participate in the course?

Course fee: 2,800 USD

A residential package fee is available at 3,900 USD (Course fee + 1,100 USD for accommodation and breakfast).

12. How to apply for the course?

To apply, please go to www.courses.theunion.org