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## **Media Advisory**

South African Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa to deliver keynote speech at Inaugural Session of the 46th Union World Conference on Lung Health in Cape Town

South Africa Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa will deliver the keynote speech at the Inaugural Session of the 46<sup>th</sup> Union World Conference on Lung Health, on Thursday December 3. In his speech, *Turning the Tide Against Lung Disease in South Africa*, Deputy President Ramaphosa will lay out an agenda for ending tuberculosis in South Africa within the forthcoming era of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The conference, taking place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), December 2 to 6, is expected to attract more than 3,000 delegates from some 130 countries, including ministers of health, UN officials, clinicians, scientists, health workers and communities affected by TB.

What: Inaugural Session of the 46<sup>th</sup> Union World Conference on Lung Health

When: Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2015 5.30pm-7pm

Where: Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) Auditorium 1

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