This first ever symposium of TB patients will feature former TB patients who will share their stories and experience with diagnosis, treatment and care, and also share their perspectives on health systems, issues of access, and other challenges faced by patients. The road to sustainable community-driven solutions needs to begin by listening to these experiences and learning from those with first-hand understanding of what the gaps and challenges are and working with them to find the most appropriate patient-centered solutions.

Target audience
Community and global advocates, country-level implementers and health care providers, NTP staff, civil society organisations (NGOs, CBOs, FBOs), donor agencies, staff from multilateral organisations, key affected populations, former patients.

Objectives
1. To understand, from a TB patient perspective, challenges in patient advocacy and in accessing TB care
2. To discuss what patients feel are the biggest challenges and possible solutions

Keywords
Patients; community; awareness raising; people-centered care; civil society organisations; community-driven interventions; tuberculosis; key affected populations; access; challenges

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Presentations
14:30 - 14:45 South African experience with occupational TB
14:50 - 15:05 Take That TB: online platform for patients, created by patients to address information gap
15:10 - 15:25 Living with disability after wrong diagnosis and adverse side effects of medicine
15:30 - 15:45 Patient perspectives from Indonesia
15:50 - 16:05 Dual experience from nurse and former TB patient
16:10 - 16:25 Experience of doctor with MDR-TB in Mexico