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## 5th SA TB Conference 2018

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The Conference theme: “STEP UP - Let's embrace all to end TB!” provides a unique opportunity to reflect on what we have done across the entire spectrum of our programmes in response to TB, what has been effective and what not, what we need to do to find the missing cases and giving attention to the structural and social determinants which fuel this epidemic. What has worked, what lessons have we learned and how are we applying these to the new understanding we have gained over the years.

The Conference will cover the following tracks:

- Track 1: Basic and Clinical Sciences
- Track 2: Public Health and Prevention Strategies
- Track 3: Health Systems, Monitoring and Evaluation
- Track 4: Human Rights, Stigma, Marginalised Populations

We will be covering the following themes over the three days of deliberation:

- Day 1: Finding the Missing Cases
- Day 2: Social and Biological Determinants Impacting the TB Cascade

Day 3: Who has Access to new drugs? Managing DR TB

This Conference creates a platform wherein all scientists (basic and social), clinicians, activists and community workers can showcase their significant contribution towards curbing the TB epidemic. We encourage you to contribute your experiences and knowledge to the discussions on the impact of TB infection on other related infectious diseases, social and ethical issues as well as provision of healthcare in general.

If you missed the abstract deadline do not worry, as for the first time in this conference, we will have a late-breaker session. You can submit abstracts for this session from 1 - 30 April 2018

For more information on the Conference, please visit the [website](#).

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