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Promoting Public Health
AND Human Rights in MDR-TB Care

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15H00–17H00, Reception to Follow
Hotel Concorde La Fayette
Etoile-Longchamp Room
3, Place du Général Kœnig, Paris
(attached to the Palais des Congrès)

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Please join public health officials, human rights and community activists, and healthcare providers for a discussion on the ethical and human rights challenges presented by the growing epidemic of drug-resistant TB.

Limited resources and lack of political commitment have often stood in the way of implementing good policies that can protect and promote both the human rights of MDR-TB patients and the human rights of community members to be protected from infection. There is increasing evidence of the positive impact of community-based models of care, including efforts in Peru, Lesotho, and Kayelitsha in South Africa that have demonstrated impressive adherence and cure rates for even the most virulent forms of MDR and XDR-TB. These models emphasize treatment literacy efforts that empower communities to take care of their health through practical and low-cost infection control measures.

With new resources flowing for global disease control efforts, there is a major opportunity to change the status quo in many countries.