

9 May 2018

Dear Ms. Rusu,

I have the honour to invite you to participate as a speaker in the upcoming interactive civil society hearing on the fight against tuberculosis(TB) which will take place on 4 June 2018 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The interactive civil society hearing is part of the preparatory process of the United Nations General Assembly high-level meeting on the fight against TB to be held on 26 September 2018. The hearing will focus on the current efforts and needs to accelerate the TB response. Participants will be encouraged to exchange views on key priorities for the high-level meeting, while highlighting experiences and best practices from the ground.

The one-day hearing will feature four panel discussions as highlighted in the attached provisional agenda. I have the honour of inviting you to participate in the second panel on "Investing to end the world's leading infectious killer" and share your experience as a TB survivor. Costs associated with your travel will be covered by the World Health Organization and the Stop TB Partnership.

I look forward to welcoming you as a panellist at the hearing. Kindly confirm your availability to participate in this event, at your earliest convenience, with Ms. Eva Schafer (eva.schafer@un.org) at the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

Sincerely yours,

Miroslav Lajčák

Ms. Paula Rusu TB Survivor Romania