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ADAPTING TB ADVOCACY IN TIMES OF COVID-19

COVID-19 will change the future, but for TB it is taking us back to the past. Our healthcare systems are precarious, and COVID-19 is forcing many to make tough choices. We must work toward a future in which those choices do not have to be made. Equitable and timely access to much needed tools including quality tests is something to which everyone should have the right, so they can get the care they need, whatever the diagnosis. In this session we will work together as a community to reflect on ground realities and build an advocacy strategy to take action.

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MODERATOR

KARISHMA SARAN
is a Strategic Communications Officer at FIND and the Secretariat of the Stop TB Partnership’s New Diagnostics Working Group. She has a keen interest in public health strategy, advocacy, communications, and policy research.

SPEAKERS

DR. ROBYN CHRISTINE WAITE
is the Policy and Advocacy Manager at Results Canada. She is effective at building coalitions to progress common goals and is a fierce advocate in the fight for a more equitable world.

SAURABH RANE
is a healthcare innovation specialist and an XDR-TB survivor. He believes in action led advocacy. Despite suffering permanent lung damage due to his long treatment, he continues to run marathons and climbs high altitude mountains to inspire patients and raise awareness around TB.

NOMBASA DUMILE
works for MSF as a drug-resistant TB counsellor. In the past years she volunteered at TAC as a treatment literacy practitioner, she has been in the field since 2000 and is passionate about HIV and TB. She is a mom and an activist and loves working with kids.

LWAZI MLABA
is the Founder/CEO ZO0L00h International and Co-Founder: Pan-Africa C19 Survivors Platform. He is an Activists and Global Fund Replenishment Champion and GFAN Africa Advocate. Lwazi is also a South African COVID-19 survivor living with Long COVID-19.

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