



Dr. Tereza Kasaeva,
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Ref.: Note of Congratulations

Dear Dr. Kasaeva,

On behalf of the Brazilian Tuberculosis Research Network, REDE-TB, composed by over 300 researchers, health care workers, program managers and community advocates in all areas dedicated to end tuberculosis, please receive the warmest welcome to your new position as Director of the Global Tuberculosis Programme.

We hereby acknowledge your personal dedication to implement the BRICS' Network for Tuberculosis Research and all your efforts to improve global collaboration towards the United Nations General Assembly in 2018 dedicated to End TB.

The successful First WHO Global Ministerial Conference – Ending TB in the Sustainable Development Era: a Multisectoral Response, in Moscow, last November, has linked in the collective responsibilities to reach eradication of tuberculosis on the globe. In this regard, the role of BRICS is enhanced, and the statements of compromise by President Vladimir Putin reflected what we should expect from all countries.

We understand Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus' indications for the Directors of the diverse Clusters at WHO has considered the best choices at this historical moment in the global fight against tuberculosis. We praise the women's leadership in Global Health!

Wishing you the best ahead of the Global TB Program and looking forward to collaborate to End TB globally, we subscribe,

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Afrânio Lineu Kritski,
Chair

Prof. Dr. Julio Henrique Rosa Croda,
Vice-Chair

CC.: Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, DG, WHO
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