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Acronyms

BCG	Bacillus Calmette–Guérin
BL	borderline leprosy
ENL	Erythema Nodosum Leprosum or Type 2
G2D	Grade 2 disabilities
ILEP	International Federation of Anti Leprosy Associations
LL	lepomatous leprosy
LLEG	Leprosy Elimination Advisory Group
MB	multi bacillary
MDT	multidrug therapy
NTD	neglected tropical disease
PB	pauci bacillary
PNG	Papua New Guinea
RD	Regional Director
ROM	rifampicin, ofloxacin and minocyclin
RR	Reversal reaction or Type 1 reaction
TAG	Technical Advisory Group
UMDT	uniform multidrug therapy
WHO	World Health Organization
WHO TAG	WHO Technical Advisory Group

1. Introduction

The WHO Technical Advisory Group (WHO TAG) on Leprosy Control meets usually annually to review the leprosy situation, discuss the challenges faced by the leprosy programme and advise WHO on improving leprosy control globally. See Annex 1 for terms of reference. The Twelfth meeting of WHO TAG was organized in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo from 10–11 April 2014.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the twelfth meeting of WHO TAG were as follows:

- to review leprosy data received at GLP from different leprosy endemic countries and assess progress in achieving the target of reduction of new cases with Grade 2 disabilities (G2D) rate as per the Enhanced Global Strategy 2011–2015;
- to review innovative approaches adopted in major endemic national leprosy programmes (Brazil, India and Indonesia) for improved case detection, drug resistance surveillance and chemoprophylaxis in order to make suitable recommendations for replication in other national programmes; and
- to discuss the draft global leprosy strategy for the period 2016–2020 and recommend suitable approaches to reduce disease burden due to leprosy in high endemic countries.

3. Opening session

At the outset, Dr Joseph Kawuma, WHO TAG Chairman welcomed the participants and invited the members to discuss emerging technical, operational and socioeconomic issues of relevance to leprosy and make appropriate recommendations to the WHO Global

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