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- 8. The global health sector strategies on, respectively, HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections
- 9. Global strategy for tuberculosis research and innovation
- 10. Road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030

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The Global Health Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Global strategy for tuberculosis research and innovation and Road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030. Progress towards tuberculosis and NTD milestones and targets has been undermined by COVID-19. To reverse the impact of the pandemic, avert preventable deaths and make progress towards the SDGs, countries must reinvest in R&D for new tools, and support programs and regulatory processes that accelerate the uptake of new technologies, especially in LMICs.

We call on WHO and Member States to:

- Invest in the pipeline of new tuberculosis tools, address the unmet needs in translational research, and crucial capacity building and implementation research to support national TB programs.
- Explore regulatory and manufacturing pathways to facilitate prequalification and regulatory approval of in-vitro diagnostics for NTDs.

Thank you.