



Pacific Islands Tuberculosis Controllers Association (PITCA) Conference

September 10 – 14, 2026 | GUAM

AGENDA

DAY 1 | Thursday, September 10

Grand Ballroom | 7:00 – 8:00 am registration

Time	Session Title & Presenter(s)
7:00 – 8:00	BREAKFAST/REGISTRATION
Opening Ceremony <i>Moderator: Chima Mbakwem, MSHS, PGCFE & Derrick Felix, MPH</i>	
8:00 – 10:55	National Anthem and Guam Hymn (5 minutes)
	Invocation and Guam Traditional Prayer (5 minutes)
	Welcoming Remarks (30 minutes) <i>Governor Lourdes Aflague “Lou” Leon Guerrero & Lieutenant Governor Josh Franquez Tenorio</i>
	Opening Remarks (30 minutes) <i>Director of Public Health Theresa C. Arriola & Congressman James C. Moylan</i>
	Special Remarks (40 minutes) <i>Terrence Chorba, MD, DSc; Lisa Chen, MD; Donna Wegener, MA, TB Survivor</i>
	Keynote: From Control to Elimination of TB: Taiwan’s Experience and Implications for the Pacific Islands (60 minutes) <i>Jann-Yuan Wang, MD, PhD</i>
	Benediction (5 minutes) <i>Archbishop</i>
10:55 – 11:55	LUNCH (60 minutes)
Site Visits	
11:55 – 4:00	Travel to Site Visits (30 minutes)
	Facility Tours (180 minutes) <i>North Clinic, South Clinic, New Lab, Todu Guam Foundation</i>
	Return to Conference (30 minutes)
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DAY 2 | Friday, September 11, 2026

Grand Ballroom | 7:30 – 8:30 am registration

Time	Session Title & Presenter(s)			
7:30 – 8:30	BREAKFAST/REGISTRATION			
BREAKOUT SESSIONS				
	LABORATORY (Room: TBD)	PROGRAM MANAGERS (Room: TBD)	NURSING & OUTREACH (Room: TBD)	CLINICAL (Room: TBD)
8:30 – 4:00	Full day Laboratory- focused discussion breakout	Full day Programmatic - focused discussion breakout	Full day Nursing- focused discussion breakout	Full day Clinician- focused discussion breakout
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DAY 3 | Saturday, September 12

Grand Ballroom | 7:00 – 8:00 am registration

Time	Session Title & Presenter(s)
7:00 – 8:00	BREAKFAST/REGISTRATION
8:10 – 8:25	Opening Remarks (15 minutes) <i>Governor Lourdes Aflague “Lou” Leon Guerrero</i>
Session 1: Keynote	
8:35 – 8:40	Welcome (5 minutes) <i>Chima Mbakwem, MSHS, PGCFE</i>
8:40 – 9:40	High-level view of global TB activities and concerns (60 minutes) <i>Guy Marks, MBBS, PhD, FRACP, FAFPHM, GAICD</i>
9:40 – 10:35	TB Updates (55 minutes) <i>Richard Brostrom, MD, MSPH</i>
10:35 – 10:45	TB Survivor Experience (10 minutes)
10:45 – 11:00	BREAK (15 minutes)
Session 2: Jurisdiction Updates I	
11:00 – 11:20	American Samoa (20 minutes)
11:20 – 11:40	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (20 minutes)
11:40 – 12:00	Federated States of Micronesia (20 minutes)
12:00 – 1:00	LUNCH (60 minutes)
Plenary Session - TBD	
2:40 – 3:00	BREAK (20 minutes)
Plenary Session - TBD	
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4:15 – 5:00	Poster Session <i>Authors at Posters</i>



DAY 4 | Sunday, September 13

Grand Ballroom | 7:30 – 8:30 am registration

Time	Session Title & Presenter(s)
7:30 – 8:30	BREAKFAST/REGISTRATION
8:30 – 8:35	Welcome (5 minutes) <i>Chima Mbakwem, MSHS, PGCFE & Terrence Chorba, MD, DSc</i>
Session 5: Jurisdiction Updates II	
8:35 – 8:55	Guam (20 minutes)
8:55 – 9:15	Republic of the Marshall Islands (20 minutes)
9:15 – 9:35	Republic of Palau (20 minutes)
9:35 – 9:50	BREAK (15 minutes)
Plenary Session - TBD	
11:20 – 12:20	LUNCH (60 minutes)
Plenary Session - TBD	
1:50 – 2:10	BREAK (20 minutes)
Plenary Session - TBD	
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DAY 5 | Monday, September 14, 2026

Grand Ballroom | 7:30 – 8:30 am registration

Time	Session Title & Presenter(s)			
7:30 – 8:30	BREAKFAST/REGISTRATION			
BREAKOUT SESSIONS				
	LABORATORY (Room: TBD)	PROGRAM MANAGERS (Room: TBD)	NURSING & OUTREACH (Room: TBD)	CLINICAL (Room: TBD)
8:30 – 12:00	Half-Day Laboratory- focused discussion breakout	Half-Day Programmatic - focused discussion breakout	Half-Day Nursing- focused discussion breakout	Half-Day Clinician- focused discussion breakout
12:00 – 1:00	LUNCH (60 minutes)			
Plenary Session - TBD				
2:30 – 2:45	BREAK (15 minutes)			
Closing Ceremony				
2:45 – 2:50	2027 PITCA Conference Announcement (5 minutes) Derrick Felix, MPH			
2:50 – 2:55	Closing Remarks (5 minutes)			
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6:00 – 9:00	Closing Reception			