

# **STOP TB NEWS**

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## **TOP LINE NEWS**

### **[Interactive website launched for World TB Day campaign](#)**

The Stop TB Partnership has launched a new interactive website where people around the world can make their own personal calls to stop TB in their lifetimes.

### **[Online consultation gathers views on getting to zero TB infections in children](#)**

Citizen News Service has published a summary of responses to an online consultation on how to prevent TB in children.

### **[South African version of La Bohème opera brings TB message to the stage](#)**

'La Bohème Abanxaxni', a reworking of Puccini's classic opera, opens in Cape Town with the support of the Global Fund and the Desmond Tutu TB Centre.

### **[Gates Foundation invests \\$7.7 million in TB diagnostics research](#)**

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has announced \$7.7 million in funding for 10 new grants to identify biomarkers for diagnosing TB.

### **[WHO reports highest ever levels of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis](#)**

A study published in the Bulletin of the World Health Organization has revealed the highest ever global rates of multidrug-resistant TB.

### **[Opinion: Why is Research Critical to Stop Tuberculosis?](#)**

Dr Christian Lienhardt argues that a broad range of research is needed in order to achieve the goal of eliminating TB by 2050.

### **[South Africa calls for zero deaths from TB and HIV in first integrated national plan](#)**

South Africa has unveiled a national strategic plan to tackle HIV/AIDS that, for the first time, will also guide the country's fight against TB.

### **[Statement from Lucica Ditiu, Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership, on World AIDS Day 2011](#)**

Dr Ditiu says that there is a danger that we will fail to meet the Millennium Development goals unless we scale up the fight against TB and HIV.

### **[New information hub for national Stop TB partnerships launched](#)**

The Stop TB Partnership has launched a series of web pages called National Stop TB Partnerships in Action.

## **TB PEOPLE**

### **[Video documents national champions as they work to raise awareness about TB](#)**

You Tube video documents the visit of nine celebrities from Georgia, Ghana, Jordan, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, South Africa and Sudan to Geneva

### **[Dr Evan Lee named Vice President of Lilly's Global Health Programs and Access](#)**

Eli Lilly and Company has appointed Dr Evan Lee as vice president of global health programmes and access.

## **NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS**

### **[Target TB to bring screening to maternal and child health services in Malawi](#)**

The nongovernmental organization has been awarded a grant from Comic Relief to integrate TB screening into maternal and child health services in Malawi.

### **[Treat TB launches website on impact assessment and policy transfer analysis](#)**

New portal is aimed at public health professionals who fund, design, implement, or use research for policy or programme implementation.

### **[WHO requests information from facilities using the Xpert MTB/RIF test](#)**

WHO has created a new website to gather feedback from early implementers of the Xpert MTB/RIF diagnostic test.

### **[Stop TB Italia partners with university group to engage youth on tuberculosis](#)**

Event with the Shared Development Consulting Group encourages students and university staff members to engage in global efforts to tackle TB.

### **[Indus Hospital showcases photographs and stories by people affected by tuberculosis](#)**

Indus has launched a photography exhibition to raise awareness about TB and promote an environment that supports people affected by the disease.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>24 March</b>	World TB Day	Worldwide	<a href="#">Info</a>
<b>27 March</b>	27th Conference of The Union Middle East Region	Cairo, Egypt	<a href="#">Info</a>
<b>9 April</b>	Course: Influencing Networking and Partnership	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	<a href="#">Info</a>
<b>7 May</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual US-Mexico border tuberculosis meeting	Las Cruces, Mexico	<a href="#">Info</a>
<b>10 May</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Global Fund Board Meeting	Geneva, Switzerland	<a href="#">Info</a>
<b>21 May</b>	Course: Mass Media and Communications	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	<a href="#">Info</a>
<b>23 May</b>	Course: TB and MDR-TB, from clinical management to control and elimination	Bucharest, Romania	<a href="#">Info</a>
<b>4 July</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Conference of the Union Europe Region	London, England	<a href="#">Info</a>
<b>9 July</b>	Course: Leading Management Teams	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	<a href="#">Info</a>
<b>22 July</b>	International AIDS conference	Washington, USA	<a href="#">Info</a>