

STOP TB NEWS

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TOP LINE NEWS

Civil society demands bigger role in the Union's Africa Region

Representatives of civil society and communities demand greater engagement in the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease's African Region.

WHO issues interim guidance on the use of bedaquiline

The World Health Organization has issued interim guidance on the use of bedaquiline, a new TB drug, for the treatment of multidrug-resistant TB.

Lancet article highlights Global Drug Facility's leading role in TB drug market

The Stop TB Partnership's Global Drug Facility has a substantial share of the market for first and second-line TB drugs, according to a new study.

'Cost-effective' TB investments included in high-level panel's proposed post-2015 goals

Report of the high-level panel identifies TB investments as highly cost-effective and proposes a specific sub-target on TB for post-2015 development agenda.

Global consultation on health in the post-2015 development agenda yields bold TB targets

Consultation concludes that the current Millennium Development Goals should be used as a spring board for greater ambition in the post-2015 agenda.

Ethiopian community health workers help double the number of vulnerable people provided with TB care

Community health workers have teamed up with motorbike riders to dramatic effect in a TB REACH project in Ethiopia's Sidama Zone.

New investments needed to advance progress on AIDS, TB and malaria in Africa

Accountability report says that African and G8 governments have made significant progress but must commit new investments for AIDS, TB and malaria.

Global leaders debate role of health in the post-2015 agenda

A forum in Geneva reflects on the outcomes of the Global Thematic Consultation on Health and provides further recommendations on future health goals.

Health ministers propose practical steps to accelerate response to TB in Africa

African health ministers call for a comprehensive set of actions to back up recent political statements on ending the TB and TB/HIV epidemics.

Private sector to accelerate TB fight ahead of 2015 deadline

Business leaders have launched a new initiative to support the achievement of TB targets by the time that the Millennium Development Goals expire in 2015.

Experts from South-East Asia aim for more ambitious and inclusive response to drug-resistant TB

The third South-East Asia Regional Green Light Committee meeting ended on an ambitious note, with participants supporting the vision of zero TB deaths.

UK Parliamentary Group launches report on drug-resistant TB

The United Kingdom's All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Tuberculosis has launched its report *Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis: Old Disease - New Threat*.

Global Fund targets \$15 billion to effectively fight AIDS, TB and Malaria

The Global Fund has announced a goal of raising US\$ 15 billion so that it can support countries in fighting the three infectious diseases from 2014-2016.

UN calls for accelerated action in the next 1000 days to meet poverty reduction targets

The United Nations has called for accelerated action in the next 1000 days to reach the eight anti-poverty targets known as the Millennium Development Goals.

TB PEOPLE

KNCV announces new Executive Director and Scientific Director

KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation has appointed Dr. Kitty van Weezenbeek as Executive Director and Professor Dr. Frank Cobelens as Scientific Director.

A voice for the poor and marginalized - Jorge Sampaio honoured for political advocacy on TB

The WHO and the Stop TB Partnership honoured the former UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy to Stop TB for his work to raise the profile of TB.

Five new constituency representatives join the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board

The appointments follow Board reforms that are designed to broaden the base of partners represented on the Board and encourage strong, active constituencies.

Catharina Boehme appointed Chief Executive of FIND

The Board of Directors of the Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics has appointed Dr. Catharina Boehme as Chief Executive Officer.

Wendy Darby appointed Chief Executive of Target Tuberculosis

Darby brings more 30 years of experience in working in a variety of health, education and development sector settings both internationally and in the UK.

Mark Dybul discusses Global Fund replenishment with Dutch NGOs

The Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, met with Dutch nongovernmental organizations in April at a roundtable discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Applications open for J2J Lung Health Media Training 2013

The Journalist to Journalist Project offers all-expenses-paid fellowships for health journalists to cover the 44th Union World Conference on Lung Health in Paris.

UNITAID funding cycle starts with call for letters of intent

The call is the first step in UNITAID's grant-making process. Organizations submitting successful letters of intent will be invited to submit full proposals.

Union announces HIV/TB late-breaker session at world conference

The 44th Union World Conference on Lung Health and the HIV section of the Union have announced co-sponsorship of a late-breaker session on HIV/TB.

OPINION

My appointment to the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board

RESULTS UK's Executive Director, Aaron Oxley, reflects on his appointment and how to engage with the developed country NGO constituency.

Access to Medicines: Discussing Africa on Parliament Hill

Eli Lilly's Dr Evan Lee talks African Ambassadors and Canadian Parliamentarians about why TB drugs are not always reaching those in need.

The Last Mile, at Last?

A World Bank blog reports on Stop TB Partner Operation Asha's innovative efforts to bring quality care to people affected by TB.

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

Parliamentary fronts spread across Brazil

Parliamentary fronts to fight TB are spreading across Brazil in an attempt to garner increased political support and wider engagement

Photography project captures complexity of TB patient's experiences

A photography project that provides people affected by TB with cameras has provided an insight into the complexities surrounding the disease.

Mine workers gain a voice in Swaziland Country Coordinating Mechanism

Two representatives of mine workers' associations have been elected to serve in the Country Coordinating Mechanism of the Global Fund in Swaziland.

Clinical trial of nine-month treatment for drug-resistant TB begins

A clinical trial to assess a nine-month standardized treatment regimen for multidrug-resistant TB has begun in South Africa, Ethiopia and Vietnam.

Mobile phones promise better TB care for Indian tribal district

The Union, in collaboration with Eli Lilly and Dimagi, has launched a project that aims to improve TB care in tribal areas using mobile phone technology.

Partners in Health launch initiative to 'seek and treat' drug-resistant TB in Russia

Partners in Health has launched a multidrug-resistant TB project in the Voronezh Regional TB Hospital that aims to reduce delays in providing TB treatment.

Médecins Sans Frontières holds annual Scientific Day.

Presentations, including those from sessions on TB and HIV, are now available to watch online until the end of August.

Advocacy coalition calls on European citizens to support declaration on drug-resistant TB

The TB Europe Coalition has launched an advocacy toolkit to help European Union citizens encourage politicians to sign a declaration on drug-resistant TB.

Regional workshop focusses on progress in tackling TB/HIV in Africa

WHO convened a workshop in April to review progress on providing early antiretroviral therapy to people who are living with HIV and sick with TB.

International consortium to investigate the interactions between TB and diabetes

TANDEM project aims to investigate the relationship between TB and diabetes in order to enable the design of more effective strategies for tackling the diseases.

Lilly MDR-TB Partnership launches collaboration with Chinese Tuberculosis Society

The Lilly MDR-TB Partnership has launched a collaboration with the Chinese Tuberculosis Society of the China Medical Association in Shanghai.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8 July	Course: Advanced Tuberculosis Diagnostic Research	Montreal, Canada	Info
11-12 July	Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board	Ottawa, Canada	Info
14 July	STI and AIDS World Congress 2013	Vienna, Austria	Info
15 July	Course: Leading Management Teams	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Info
19 July	Course: Strategic Planning and Innovation	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Info
16 September	Course: Budget and Financial Management	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Info
23 September	Course: Influencing, Networking and Partnership	Chicago, US	Info
30 October	44 th Union World Conference on Lung Health	Paris, France	Info
31 October	Engaging Communities in Tuberculosis Research: Concepts, Value, and Practice	Paris, France	Info