

# STOP TB NEWS

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## WORLD TB DAY NEWS

### [1000 day countdown on TB and HIV goals starts in Swaziland](#)

Health leaders signed the Swaziland Statement, committing them to accelerate the response to the TB and TB/HIV epidemics in Africa.

### [World Health Organization and Global Fund highlight urgent need for international financing to fight TB](#)

The health agencies point to a funding gap of at least US\$ 1.6 billion a year in international funding for treatment and prevention of TB.

### [Stop TB Partners mark World TB Day with events around the world](#)

From Bulgaria to British Columbia, partners' events focused on stopping TB *In my lifetime*. Read more on the World TB day blog.

### [TB activists launch new global coalition](#)

The Global Coalition of TB Activists aims to put communities affected by TB at the centre of decision making in the fight against TB.

### [Global forum accelerates progress on TB vaccine development](#)

Delegates reviewed progress, shared the latest data and findings and promoted partnerships and collaboration to accelerate and streamline TB vaccine research.

### [MSF: Historic opportunity to tackle drug-resistant TB could be missed](#)

Médecins Sans Frontières says that efforts to treat people for multidrug-resistant TB and find new drugs to treat the disease must be significantly increased.

### [Nursing project to provide evidence for the adoption of best practice](#)

The International Council of Nurses launches the third phase of its TB project, supported by the Lilly MDR-TB Partnership.

### [KNCV honours USAID for leadership in the global fight against TB](#)

The U.S. Agency for International Development was honoured for its dedication and leadership at an awards ceremony marking World TB Day.

### [Prisons latest target as South Africa continues zero TB drive](#)

The Deputy President of South Africa, Kgalema Motlanthe, handed over six Xpert diagnostic machines to the country's prison service on World TB Day.

## WORLD TB DAY STATEMENTS

### [United Nations Secretary-General](#)

Ban Ki-Moon says that it will be critical to ensure that countries can afford the cost of preventing deaths from TB and arresting its spread.

### [President of India](#)

Shri Pranab Mukherjee calls upon stakeholders to come together and undertake all the necessary steps to achieve the goal of zero TB deaths.

### [Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Stop TB Partnership](#)

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Stop TB Partnership reaffirm their commitment to take effective action to overcome TB.

### [Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership](#)

Lucica Ditiu reflects on the ambition and commitment demonstrated by the TB community at World TB Day events.

## OPINION AND BLOGS

### [Consign TB tragedy of \*La Bohème\* finally to history](#)

Mark Dybul, Executive Director of the Global Fund and Lucica Ditiu, Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership write in the Financial Times.

### [HIV and TB: Untangling a Deadly Knot](#)

Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of UNAIDS says that we must act now to stop people living with HIV dying from TB.

### [Should We Celebrate World TB Day? I'll Tell You in 1000 Days](#)

Lucica Ditiu, Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership argues that while progress has been made, we need to accelerate efforts before the MDGs expire.

### [Hope at the Epicenter: Overcoming the TB Emergency in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)

Jonathan Smith, Lecturer at Yale University School of Public Health says that there is hope in the fight against TB in the Southern African mining sector.

### [Financial Times special report focuses on funding, mining and new tools](#)

Articles in the 2013 World TB Day report cover the funding gap for the fight against TB, TB and mining and other issues. (Free registration required.)

## TOP LINE NEWS

### [GDF achieves price reduction for drug-resistant TB treatments](#)

The price of several second-line drugs decline by up to 26% compared to 2011 prices, resulting in a decrease in the overall cost of treatment.

### [GDF invites applications for grants for first line drugs](#)

The Global Drug Facility has opened its 28th round of applications for grants for first-line adult and pediatric TB drugs.

### [African civil society calls for unified resource mobilization for health](#)

Representatives of African civil society health platforms called for an end to fragmented action by agencies working on one specific disease or health issue.

### [Landmark meeting on post-2015 TB targets held in Geneva](#)

Workshop participants proposed a set of goals and targets to guide the global fight against TB after 2015.

## TB PEOPLE

### [UN Secretary-General appoints Ray Chambers as first Special Envoy on financing for the health-related Millennium Development Goals](#)

Mr Chambers will work with partners to promote and secure increased investment to achieve the health-related MDGs by the end of 2015.

### [Farewell message from the Special Envoy to Stop TB](#)

Dr Jorge Sampaio promises to keep advocating for TB as his six-year term as Special Envoy comes to an end.

### [New email group for TB patients and survivors](#)

Take That TB and Treatment Action Group have created an email group designed to connect tuberculosis (TB) patients and survivors.

### [UNION appoints new Vice Chair of HIV Section](#)

The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease has appointed Jeroen van Gorkom as the Vice Chair of its HIV Scientific Section.

## NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

### [Operation ASHA uses fingerprint scanner to help patients complete treatment](#)

The *eCompliance* system, which uses patient's fingerprints to record daily visits to the clinic for a dose of medication, is featured in a Huffington Post blog

### **KNCV welcomes price reduction for second-line TB drugs**

KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation welcomes the announcement by the Global Drug Facility on price reductions for several second-line TB drugs.

### **New research centre opens in Australia**

The Centre for Excellence in Tuberculosis Control aims to improve coordination between existing TB research initiatives.

### **FIND and TDR agree to expand access to TB specimens**

The Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics and the Special Programme for Research and Training on Tropical Diseases join forces.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Guidance on managing drug-resistant TB now available as an application for tablet computers**

The WHO Stop TB Department has helped develop applications for use on tablet computers based on its online training course on managing drug-resistant TB.

### **TAG publishes guide to bedaquiline, new collection of childhood TB stories**

Treatment Action Group publishes two new advocacy reports, including an updated publication on childhood TB with the Sentinel Project

### **PATH launches new tools to support TB prevention and treatment**

The three new tools are new global tools designed to support Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization activities around the world.

### **TB CARE I publishes comprehensive materials guide**

New guide includes all of the tools, guidelines and handbooks that the coalition has published.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| <b>10 April</b> | 4th Conference of The Union Asia-Pacific Region | Hanoi, Viet Nam        | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| <b>15 April</b> | 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual GLI Meeting              | Veyrier-du-Lac, France | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| <b>6 May</b>    | Course: Supply Chain Management                 | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| <b>15 May</b>   | GBCHealth 2013                                  | New York, USA          | <a href="#">Info</a> |

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| <b>29 May</b>     | Conference and Awards<br>Wolfheze Workshops                  | The Hague,<br>Netherlands  | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| <b>29 May</b>     | 19th Conference of The<br>Union Africa Region                | Kigali, Rwanda             | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| <b>10 June</b>    | Course: Mass Media and<br>Communications                     | Cape Town,<br>South Africa | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| <b>8 July</b>     | Course: Advanced<br>Tuberculosis Diagnostic<br>Research      | Montreal, Canada           | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| <b>11 July</b>    | Stop TB Partnership<br>Coordinating Board<br>Meeting         | Ottawa, Canada             | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| <b>14 July</b>    | STI and AIDS World<br>Congress 2013                          | Vienna, Austria            | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| <b>15 July</b>    | Course: Leading<br>management teams                          | Kuala Lumpur,<br>Malaysia  | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| <b>19 August</b>  | Course: Strategic<br>Planning and Innovation                 | Kuala Lumpur,<br>Malaysia  | <a href="#">Info</a> |
| <b>30 October</b> | 44 <sup>th</sup> Union World<br>Conference on Lung<br>Health | Paris, France              | <a href="#">Info</a> |