TOP LINE NEWS

**TB estimated to cost European Union Countries six billion Euros a year**
The economic burden of TB in the European Union totals nearly six billion Euros as year, according to a new scientific study.

**Stop TB Partnership joins partners celebrating the 2013 International Day of the World’s Indigenous People**
Read a statement issued by the Executive Secretary of the Stop TB Partnership recognizing the importance of fighting TB among indigenous people.

**Recognizing excellence in the fight against TB in conflict and refugee areas**
Nominations for the 2013 Stop TB Partnership Kochon Prize are being accepted until 15 September 2013.

**African leaders pledge to eliminate AIDS, TB and malaria by 2030**
African leaders meeting in Abuja renewed commitments to fight AIDS, TB and malaria as part of an overall goal to eliminate extreme poverty by 2030.

**South African Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi elected as Chair of the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board**
Minister Motsoaledi took up his new role following the close of the 23rd Coordinating Board in Ottawa, Canada.

**Stop TB Partnership welcomes Canada’s continued support in the fight against TB**
The Stop TB Partnership has presented the Canadian government with an award recognizing its support and leadership in the fight against TB.

**Treatment Action Group laments anemic pipeline for new TB drugs, diagnostics and vaccines**
Research and development for new tools to treat, diagnose and prevent TB is moving forward far too slowly, according to a report by TAG and HIV i-Base.
Civil Society meeting charts course for increased Global Fund engagement
Civil Society representatives shared the results of a mapping exercise designed to encourage the regional networks of communities affected by TB.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stop TB Partnership issues request for proposals for monitoring and evaluation project
The Stop TB Partnership Secretariat has issued a request for proposals to undertake a monitoring and evaluation project for projects funded by TB REACH.

Call for governance positions on the Coordinating Board of the Stop TB Partnership
Open positions include the Vice-Chair, two seats on the Executive Committee and members of the finance committee.

BLOGS AND OPINION

In South Africa, XDR-TB patient Phumeza Tisile has completed her two-year treatment and is cured

Médecins Sans Frontières: First group of MDR-TB patients in Swaziland celebrate end of treatment

Film by Ugandan Filmmaker Joel Isababi Nsahda documents the lives of two TB patients as they fight the disease.

Meaghan Derynck, RESULTS Canada: The global fight against TB: don’t put all of Canada’s eggs in one basket

South African health minister Aaron Motsoaledi: Canada should join us to fight TB in mines

Video: Myanmar Drug-resistant TB symposium: Turning the tide on TB

TB Europe Coalition participates in World Health Organization Review of Tajikistan TB Programme

ACTION guest blogger Robert Nakibumba: Lack of awareness of BCG’s limitations hampers support for TB vaccines development
NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

**Riders for Health expands partnership with The Union on TB test sample transport**
Partnership uses motorcycle couriers and specialized equipment to create a sample transport system for TB test samples and results.

**ARCHIVE works to stop TB in Haiti through housing design project**
Nonprofit organization is set to launch the second phase of a research project that prioritizes good housing and design as a tool to combat TB.

**New ARASA toolkit on integrated TB/HIV activities in the works**
The AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa is working on an updated version of its *TB Heroes* Toolkit.

**International Community Of Women Living with HIV Eastern Africa conducts capacity building workshop on TB and TB/HIV**
Two-day capacity building workshop targets representatives of TB and HIV-affected communities and other civil society advocates.

**Calcutta Rescue begins awareness raising activities**
New programme aims to provide community volunteers with more information on TB and how to combat it.

**USAID South Africa TB programme recognizes patients completing treatment for MDR-TB**
Project in KwaZulu-Natal Province has dramatically improved care for MDR-TB patients and increased treatment completion rates.

**Global Fund launches new video to boost replenishment efforts**
As the Global Fund seeks new funding, Charlize Theron, Bono, Bill Gates and others call on world leaders to defeat AIDS, TB and malaria.

**Dutch Parliament supports motion to include TB in government policy on sexual and reproductive health and rights and HIV/AIDS**
The Netherlands Parliament has voted for a motion to incorporate TB control in the government’s policy on sexual and reproductive health and rights and HIV.

**Meeting of TB coordinators in Brazil provides opportunity to review national progress**
State and municipality coordinators analyze the TB situation across Brazil and evaluate strategies to combat the disease.
**Treatment Action Group criticizes European regulator’s decision to deny marketing approval for new TB drug**
Treatmment Action Group has expressed disappointment at a decision not to recommend marketing approval for delamanid, a new drug to treat MDR-TB.

**WHO reviews the national tuberculosis control programme in Tajikistan**
WHO Europe and the Tajikistan Country Office have completed a review of TB prevention and control in the country.

**Sequella acquires worldwide rights for TB drug in development**
The pharmaceutical company has licensed rights to develop and commercialize sutezolid, an antibiotic currently in development for the treatment of TB.

**Workshop seeks to improve management of drug-resistant TB among children in Bangladesh**
Participants discussed and recommended priority actions for scaling up the availability of services for children with MDR-TB in Bangladesh.

**Uganda’s Supra-National Reference Laboratory inaugurated**
The National Reference Laboratory in Kampala has become the second Supra National Reference Laboratory in Africa.

**Partnership for TB care and Control launched**
Civil society representatives from across India came together for the official launch of the Partnership for TB Care and Control.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**16 September**
- Course: Budget and Financial Management
  - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
  - [Info](#)

**16 September**
- Course: International Procurement and Supply Chain Management
  - Kiev, Ukraine
  - [Info](#)

**19 September**
- Workshop: CommCare open source tools
  - Nairobi, Kenya
  - [Info](#)

**23 September**
- Course: Influencing, Networking and Partnership
  - Chicago, US
  - [Info](#)

**30 September**
- Workshop: CommCare open source tools
  - Bangkok, Thailand
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