TOP LINE NEWS

**Stop TB Partnership urges bolder action on TB at "Every Woman, Every Child" event**
The Stop TB Partnership called for increased attention on TB and a bold collective effort to save one million people living with HIV from dying of TB at a high level event on maternal and child health.

**Action plan on drug-resistant tuberculosis in Europe could save 120 000 lives**
With multidrug-resistant TB and extensively drug-resistant TB spreading at an alarming rate across Europe, the WHO Regional Office for Europe has crafted an ambitious plan to arrest the pandemic in its tracks.

**Meeting of Indian manufacturers spurs coordinated action on the global shortage of TB drugs**
The Global Drug Facility convened a meeting of TB drug manufacturers aimed at increasing collaboration on drug procurement and addressing the global shortage of quality TB drugs.

**Global experts turn to India as a key pathfinder on battling tuberculosis**
India was chosen as the venue for key international gatherings on new TB diagnostics, the global shortage of quality-assured TB drugs and a new guide on the research needed to improve the quality and reach of TB care.

**BAYER to provide second-line drugs to the Global Drug Facility**
Bayer HealthCare has agreed to support the WHO and the Stop TB Partnership in the fight against multidrug-resistant TB by making 620,000 tablets of the antibiotic moxifloxacin available to the Global Drug Facility.

**WHO warns against the use of inaccurate blood tests for active tuberculosis**
The use of currently available commercial blood tests to diagnose active TB often leads to misdiagnosis, mistreatment and potential harm to public health, the WHO has said.
Top professionals join forces in think tank on TB advocacy
Marketing and public relations experts from the private sector, advocacy professionals and the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat came together to achieve a breakthrough on TB messaging.

TB PEOPLE

Model and entertainer JOY appointed as Stop TB Ambassador in Japan
The Stop TB Partnership Japan has appointed JOY, a former TB patient, as a Stop TB Ambassador.

Denis Broun appointed UNITAID Executive Director
Dr Broun has worked as regional director of UNAIDS for Europe and Central Asia and director of partnerships for UNAIDS in Geneva.

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

ACTION releases report on 'hidden epidemic' of childhood TB
Report highlights the link between TB and the world's most vulnerable children - those who are malnourished, orphans or living with HIV.

TB vaccine research: New network connects European and African institutions
European and African research organizations are gearing up to improve and strengthen collaboration in TB vaccine research.

BRAC to publish book on community-based approaches to TB control
BRAC, a non-governmental organization will release a book documenting its history and approach to TB control in October.

Panos connects journalists and TB researchers in Zambia
A new study by Panos London shows that media coverage of TB in Zambia can be improved by bringing journalists and researchers together.

WHO and the Union launch collaborative framework on TB and diabetes
WHO and the International Union Against TB and Lung Disease have developed a Collaborative Framework for Care and Control of Tuberculosis and Diabetes.

Report focuses on the human face of TB
Voices in the fight against the European Epidemic looks at the every-day challenges faced by TB patients and those who care for them in Europe.

TB Alert launches free TB training for civil society organizations in England
TB Alert, the UK’s national TB charity, is rolling out TB capacity building training courses, for civil society organizations in England.

**New TB vaccine enters proof-of-concept trial in people living with HIV in Senegal and South Africa**  
Aeras and the Oxford-Emergent Tuberculosis Consortium have started a Phase IIb proof-of-concept efficacy trial of a new investigational TB vaccine.

**Aeras to work with China National Biotech Group on developing TB vaccines**  
Aeras has signed a memorandum of understanding with the China National Biotech Group to jointly develop TB vaccines in China and other countries.

**Delegates join first African regional conference on TB pharmaceutical management**  
Conference shared ideas and experiences on how to ensure universal access to quality TB medicines and commodities and contain drug resistance.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Rapid TB test more effective than traditional diagnostics for detecting cases among children**  
Xpert MTB/RIF, a rapid automated test for tuberculosis (TB) has proved more effective than smear microscopy for diagnosing cases of TB in children.

**WHO publishes new guidelines on the management of drug resistant tuberculosis**  
The guidelines give health care professionals an overview of the condition to help them to diagnose, treat and care for people with drug-resistant TB.

**TB TEAM publishes annual meeting report**  
The TB Technical Assistance Mechanism has published the report of its annual meeting, summarizing key findings, conclusions and recommendations.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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