SUNDAY, 3 August 2008

Satellite Discussion: Location: SR 10 (950) (15:45 - 17:45)
Universal access of TB services to PLHIV: harnessing collaboration and coordination (SUSAT46)
This satellite session will address the key, practical activities that need to be implemented in order to reduce the burden of TB in PLHIV and ensure the universal access of TB prevention, diagnosis and treatment services. Particular emphasis will be given to the challenges and opportunities of mainstreaming the Three Is - intensified TB case finding, the use of isoniazid preventive therapy and TB infection control in HIV care services in order to advocate for their inclusion as core functions of HIV care services.

MONDAY, 4 August 2008

Poster Discussion: Location: Skills Building Room 10 -- Hall D, Level 2 (12:30 - 14:30)
TB and HIV: A Deadly Partnership (MOPDB2)

Oral Abstract Session: Location: SR 10 (950) (14:30 - 16:00)
BCG, Tuberculosis and HAART (MOAB03)

Poster Exhibition: Hall D, Level 2 (12:30 - 14:30)
TB/HIV poster exhibition

TUESDAY, 5 August 2008

Poster Exhibition: Location: Poster exhibition hall, Hall D -- (12:30 - 14:30)

WEDNESDAY, 6 August 2008

Panel: Location: Session Room 2 (10:30 – 11:30):
Working across North-South borders to collaborate on creative advocacy.
Organizers: Advocacy to Control Tuberculosis Internationally (ACTION)
Push-pull strategies have led to great success in increasing attention and resources for TB and HIV/AIDS. This panel discussion will focus on experiences and lessons learned from globally coordinated efforts.

Poster Exhibition: Location: Hall D, Level 2 (12:30 - 14:30)
TB/HIV poster exhibition

THURSDAY, 7 August 2008

Skills Building Workshop: Location: SBR 6 (90) (11:00 - 12:30)
Wanted: TB/HIV in the News--Strengthening Media and CSOs Partnership in Africa (THSB06)

Poster Exhibition: Poster exhibition hall, Hall D (12:30 - 14:30)
TB/HIV poster exhibition

FRIDAY, 8 August 2008

Plenary Session: Location: Session Room 1 (6090) (08:15 - 10:30)
Plenary Session Day 5 (FRPL01)
Keynote speaker: Dr. Jeremiah Chakaya, MoH, Kenya
Presentations: HIV and TB, Prevention Strategies, Criminalization, Women and Girls

Workshop: Location: Session Room 2 (100) (15:30 – 17:00)
IMF Policies Blocking the Response to HIV/AIDS: A Call for Activism (MOWS04)
Organizers: RESULTS Educational Fund, Treatment Action Group, ActionAid International USA, Health Gap and Physicians for Human Rights

OTHER EVENTS/PARTNER ACTIVITIES

Skill Building Workshop: Pre-Conference, August 1-3, Venue Hotel Fiesta Inn Centro
PANOS GAP : Workshop for Country-Level Journalists
Organizers: TB/HIV Working Group, PANOS

Exhibition Booth: Exhibition Hall, 3-8 August 2008
Organizers: Public Health Watch, Open Society Institute
Meet the Experts at the Shack

HIV/TB Photographic Exhibition
Exhibition Hall (Space 104)

The Shack, an innovative photographic exhibition by rising young artist Damien Schumann displays an authentic South African township shack. The pictures deal with people and families affected by tuberculosis (TB) and HIV, their stories and the lifestyle and living conditions that influence these diseases.

MEET THE EXPERTS

Each day during the conference from 14:00-17:00, experts will be on site at The Shack to answer questions about TB/HIV co-infection. Experts are available to speak in several languages, including English, French, Spanish.

Recommended activities to decrease the burden of tuberculosis in people living with HIV/AIDS: The WHO 3 I’s for HIV/TB

• **Intensified Case Finding**
  In 2006, less than 1% of people living with HIV were screened for TB. Intensified TB case finding should be established in HIV counseling and testing sites, in clinics and hospitals in the community, in groups at high risk for HIV, and among household contacts of those known to be infected with TB. A simple set of questions can be asked to identify suspected cases that can then be referred to diagnostic and treatment centers.

• **Isoniazid Preventative Therapy (IPT)**
  A 6-9 month course of self-administered isoniazid therapy can significantly reduce the risk of developing active TB. Though isoniazid preventative therapy costs only US $2, only 0.08% of the estimated 33.2 million people living with HIV were reported to have received it in 2006. IPT can be used in conjunction with antiretroviral treatment.

• **Tuberculosis Infection Control in Health Care and Congregate Settings**
  TB infection control – preventing the transmission of TB (especially drug resistant TB - MDR and XDR TB) in high-risk settings such as healthcare facilities, prisons, military barracks and other places where people are frequently crowded together—is essential. Administrative, environmental, and personal measures should be taken to reduce the risk of transmission.