

MEDIA ADVISORY

What: Special session: No More People Living with HIV Dying from TB

Where: Session Room 2

When: Thursday 22 July, 13:00-14:00

Chair:

Dr Michel Kazatchkine, Executive Director, Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Switzerland

Speakers:

Dr Jorge Sampaio, UN Secretary-General Special Envoy to Stop TB, Portugal
Mr Michel Sidibé, Executive Director, UNAIDS, Switzerland
Dr Marcos Espinal, Executive Secretary, Stop TB Partnership, Switzerland
Mr Timur Abdullaev, LL.M, Uzbekistan

Programme:

13:00: **Award Presentation: IAS TB/HIV Research Prize**

13:05: **No more people living with HIV dying from TB: how to enhance political commitment**

J Sampaio

13:20: **The right to a life free from TB**

T Abdullaev

13:30-13:50: **Panel discussion: The way forward on TB/HIV**

- o *UNAIDS perspective - M Sidibe*
- o *Stop TB Partnership perspective - M Espinal*

13:50 **Concluding remarks and special announcement**

J Sampaio

Interview opportunities on TB/HIV between 14:00 and 15:00:

Dr Jorge Sampaio, UN Secretary-General Special Envoy to Stop TB
Dr Michel Kazatchkine, Executive Director, the Global Fund
Dr Marcos Espinal, Executive Secretary, Stop TB Partnership
Dr Paul De Lay, Deputy Executive Director, UNAIDS.

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Background:

The potentially lethal mix of TB plus HIV, or TB/HIV, as it has come to be known, has fanned across Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe and affects women, men and children from every walk of life. Today one in four deaths among people infected with HIV is linked to TB - that's about half a million people who die unnecessarily each year from a preventable and curable illness.

The Stop TB Partnership and UNAIDS will announce a joint initiative aimed at halving deaths from TB among people infected with HIV by 2015, compared to 1994 levels.

UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, is an innovative United Nations partnership that leads and inspires the world in achieving universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. Learn more at unaids.org.

The Stop TB Partnership is a leading public-private global health partnership, established in 2001, with the aim of eliminating tuberculosis (TB), as a public health problem and, ultimately, to obtain a world free of TB. It comprises a network of more than 1200 international organizations, countries, donors from the public and private sectors, governmental and nongovernmental organizations and individuals that have expressed an interest in working together to achieve this goal. Find out more at www.stoptb.org.