



7/13/09 TB WIRE

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Stop TB USA was formerly known as the National Coalition for Elimination of Tuberculosis (NCET). Please pass this on to colleagues interested in TB elimination.

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**PLEASE COMMENT ON THE DRAFT OF THE UPDATED USA TB ELIMINATION PLAN!**

When is TB elimination predicted to occur in the United States given current trends? 2025? 2050? 2075? or 2100? How much longer will it take to eliminate TB among minority populations compared to non-Hispanic white populations? 25% longer? 50% longer? 75% longer? 100% longer?

As noted in earlier editions of this newsletter, Stop TB USA is updating the national plan for TB elimination. The Executive Summary of the plan is posted on the National TB Controllers Association (NTCA) website for a **30-day comment period** July 13-August 13, 2009. This report “*A Call for Action on the Tuberculosis Elimination Plan for the United States*” was developed by the Stop TB USA TB Elimination Plan Committee with guidance from consultants and feedback from reviewers representing key stakeholders.

**Your comments are invited and would be greatly appreciated. To review and comment on the Executive Summary, go the NTCA website at: <http://tbcontrollers.org/>**

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**PLAN EARLY AND SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 11-13, 2010**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease conference will be held in Orlando Florida, March 10-13 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel.

**CALL FOR POSTERS:** Abstracts are invited for posters and oral presentation. Abstracts related to outcomes from program initiatives and research on all aspects of tuberculosis control, including epidemiologic, clinical, basic science, nursing, behavioral, psychosocial and educational studies are welcome. **Deadline: October 2, 2009.**

**CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:** The Opening Session will include a presentation by Paul Farmer, MD, PhD. General Session topics will include: (1) TB-HIV Co-infection: A Sum Greater than Its Parts; (2) Basic Science: From the Bench to the Bedside; (3) Social Determinants of TB Transmission; (3) Diagnosis and Treatment; and (4) Assessing the Roles, Results and Confounders of Newer Laboratory Methods.

Related sessions will include a Stop TB North American Meeting (U.S. and Canada); the annual Stop TB USA Advocacy Session; the annual Nursing Assembly; a Latin American Liaison Meeting; plus plenty of networking opportunities and a “Clinical Conversations” session where there will be opportunities for clinicians and others to discuss challenging cases with colleagues.

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## **FROM THE GLOBAL STOP TB PARTNERSHIP:**

### **G8 LEADERS COMMEND ACHIEVEMENTS ON TB and TB/HIV and CALL FOR MORE COMMITMENT!!**

In their joint declaration issued this week: Responsible Leadership for a Sustainable Future, the leaders of the G8 Summit pledged to implement further efforts towards universal access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support by 2010, with particular focus on prevention and integration of services for HIV/TB. "We will combine this with actions to: combat TB and Malaria. . . In this regard, we stress the importance of addressing gender inequality," they wrote.

In a separate Experts' Report, "Promoting Global Health" the leaders noted that where there have been substantial investments and good performances, impressive results have been achieved. This is especially evident in the dramatic increase in coverage on several disease fronts, notably tuberculosis, HIV, child immunization, polio and malaria, they stressed. "Despite these major advances, the job is far from done. Sustained political leadership and commitment are needed," they wrote.

The report calls specifically for strengthening of basic TB control, management of MDR/XDR TB; integrated HIV-TB care and increased availability of labs and diagnostics. And it reaffirms the G8 Commitment to halting the spread of TB. "We will also support the Global Plan to Stop TB, 2006-2015, which aims to cut TB deaths in half by the year 2015 compared to 1990 levels, saving some 14 million lives over ten years, and call upon all donors and stakeholders to contribute to its effective implementation," they wrote.

"We commend the G8 leaders for their recognition of recent achievements in TB and HIV/TB control -- and also for their call for scale-up of prevention and treatment and stronger political leadership," said Dr Marcos Espinal, Executive Secretary of the Global Stop TB Partnership.

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### **NEW TB WHITE PAPER ISSUED BY THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER HEALTH COMISSION!**

The United States–México Border Health Commission has issued a new "White Paper" on Tuberculosis along the United States–México Border. The document is available on the Border Health Commission website at:

[http://pm3.stantonstreetgroup.com/newsletters/us\\_border\\_health/files/newsletters\\_article7688.pdf](http://pm3.stantonstreetgroup.com/newsletters/us_border_health/files/newsletters_article7688.pdf)

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### **REGIONAL TB TRAINING AND MEDICAL CONSULTATION CENTERS (RTMCCs):**

The CDC funded Regional TB Training and Medical Consultation Centers provide free TB-related medical consultation, develop TB educational materials, and also provide training and technical assistance for TB program staff. The Centers are regionally assigned to cover all 50 states and U.S. territories. (Regional Tuberculosis Training and Medical Consultation Centers are obligated to prioritize participants from within their respective regions for training courses - but they may accept applicants from all areas when there is available space.)

**Updated information about upcoming TB training courses and available TB-related materials is available on each Center's website below:**

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**The Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center in Gainesville, Florida:**

Phone: 1-888-265-7682 Website: <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/>  
Medical Consultation: 1-800-482-4636

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**New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute in Newark, New Jersey:**

Phone: 973-972-3270 Medical Consultation: 1-800-482-3627.  
Website: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses.htm>

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**The Heartland National Tuberculosis Center in San Antonio, Texas:**

Phone: 1-800-TEX-LUNG Medical Consultation: 1-800-839-5864. Website:  
<http://www.heartlandntbc.org> Medical Consultation: 210-531-4500. Administration/Training: 210-531-4590.

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**Francis J. Curry National Tuberculosis Center in San Francisco, California.** Phone: 415-502-4220.

Website: <http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/> Medical consultation: 1-877-390-6682

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**OTHER KEY TB UPDATES:**

**IUATLD LATEST UPDATES AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET**

Check the latest updates and information that is now available on the website of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD) at: <http://www.theunion.org/>

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**TB ALLIANCE UPDATES:**

Check the latest updates and information now available on the website of the TB Alliance: the Global Alliance for TB Drug Development at: <http://www.tballiance.org/home/home.php>

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