

## **WHO ISSUES NEW DATA ON GLOBAL TUBERCULOSIS EPIDEMIC**

### **Medicine**

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24th March - World TB Day

Tuberculosis is one of the world's leading infectious killers - second only to HIV/AIDS. The 2007 WHO Global TB Control Report, issued Thursday 22 March 2007, updates the current trends on the airborne disease, with all the very latest data from nearly 200 countries.

In the wake of the newly identified extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis (XDR-TB), drug resistance and continuing challenges such as TB and HIV co-infection, the 2007 WHO Global TB Control Report underlines the major issues affecting TB patients, health workers and governments today. This year's report also highlights achievements in reaching global 2005 TB targets set by the World Health Assembly.

The launch coincides with World TB Day (24 March) and its theme: "TB Anywhere is TB Everywhere".

The WHO 2007 Global TB Control Report is released under embargo for Thursday 22 March 2007 (12:00 GMT) and will be launched with key speakers from WHO and the Stop TB Partnership in various cities. For full details of launch events please go to:

[www.stoptb.org/events/world\\_tb\\_day/2007/events.asp](http://www.stoptb.org/events/world_tb_day/2007/events.asp)

Geneva

Date: March 19th , 10:00 local time

Where: UN Palais des Nations

What: Global TB Control Report launch and News Conference

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Brussels

Date: 22 March 2007, 13:00 local time

Where: European Parliament

What: Global TB Control Report launch and News Briefing

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London

Date: March 22nd , 16:00 local time

Where: Portcullis House, Westminster

What - Global TB Control Report and Global TB Action Agenda launches/News Briefing

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New York

Date: March 22nd , 10:00 local time

Where: United Nations Headquarters

What: Global TB Control Report launch, News Conference and opening of World Free of TB photo exhibition

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Paris

Date: March 22nd , 11:00 local time

Where: Maison de Radio France, CAPE

What: Global TB Control Report launch and news conference

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