



**INFORMATION EMBARGOED TO WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2010,
11:00 BERLIN TIME**

PRESS CONFERENCE ON AN ACTION PLAN THAT LAYS THE FOUNDATION FOR ELIMINATION OF TUBERCULOSIS

- WHAT:** A new action plan from the Stop TB Partnership lays the foundation for TB elimination. The *Global Plan to Stop TB 2011-2015: Transforming the Fight - Towards Elimination of Tuberculosis*, for the first time, identifies all the research gaps that need to be filled to bring rapid TB tests, faster treatment regimens and a fully effective vaccine to market. It also shows public health programmes how to drive universal access to TB care, including how to modernize diagnostic laboratories and adopt revolutionary TB tests that have recently become available.
- WHO:** Jorge Sampaio, the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy to Stop TB
Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe
Luis Sambo, WHO Regional Director for Africa
- WHEN:** Wednesday 13 October, 10:15, Berlin time
- WHERE:** World Health Summit at Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin (Campus Mitte), Langenbeck-Virchow-Haus, Luisenstr. 58/59, 10117 Berlin, room "Virchow"

Broadcasters: B-roll will be available on www.global-plan-to-stop-tb.tv from Monday, 11 October at 9:00 Geneva time

Embargoed media materials including the Global Plan will be available on a protected media site, <http://www.stoptb.org/webadmin/download/pp.asp>, from Monday 11 October at 9:00 Geneva time. For the password, please contact:

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[The Stop TB Partnership](http://www.stoptb.org), which is hosted by the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, consists of more than 1200 international organizations, countries, donors from the public and private sectors, and nongovernmental and governmental organizations, all working together to eliminate TB.