MEDIA ADVISORY

WHO AT THE XVI\textsuperscript{TH} INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE, TORONTO, 13-18 AUGUST 2006

WHAT: Top officials from the World Health Organization are scheduled to speak at a number of events at the XVI\textsuperscript{th} International AIDS Conference in Toronto. The following media briefings are those involving the participation of WHO staff.

WHO is the directing and coordinating authority on international health work and takes the lead in the United Nations system in the global health sector response to the AIDS epidemic.

WHO:
- Anders Nordström, Acting Director-General, WHO
- Anarfi Asamoa-Baah, Assistant Director-General, WHO
- Joy Phumaphi, Assistant Director-General, WHO
- Kevin De Cock, Director, HIV/AIDS Department, WHO
- Teguest Guerma, Associate Director, HIV/AIDS Department, WHO

WHEN: These senior WHO officials will be addressing the following HIV-related topics, and will be available to meet with reporters at the following places and times (all times listed are local times in Toronto). Other WHO staff will also be available for individual interviews.

Tuesday, August 15

2.00 p.m. Media Centre Room 2

\textit{WHO press conference: "Treat, Train, Retain": Launch of new plan to address health worker shortages in response to AIDS}

- Anarfi Asamoa-Baah, Assistant Director-General, WHO
- Charity Kaluki Ngilu, Minister of Health, Kenya
- Sigrun Mogedal, Norway's Ambassador for HIV/AIDS
- Michel Kazatchkine, France's Ambassador for HIV/AIDS and Transmissible Diseases
- Bernhard Schwartlander, Director, Performance Evaluation and Policy, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- Sophia Kisting, Director of the ILO Programme on HIV/AIDS at the World Of Work, International Labour Organization
• Paul Davis, HIV/AIDS Policy Analyst and Director of Government Relations, Health GAP (Global Access Project)

**Wednesday, August 16**

**11.00 a.m. Media Centre Room 1**

*IAS plenary press conference*

• Kevin De Cock, Director, HIV/AIDS Department, WHO will give the latest figures on treatment access and an overview of WHO’s future strategic directions moving towards universal access

**12.00 p.m. Media Centre Room 2**

*WHO press conference: The role of sexually transmitted infections in preventing HIV: What is the evidence?*

• Joy Phumaphi, Assistant Director-General, WHO
• King Holmes, Director, University of Washington Center for AIDS & STDs
• Teguest Guerma, Associate Director, HIV/AIDS Department, WHO
• Tim Farley, Coordinator, Controlling Sexually Transmitted and Reproductive Tract Infections, WHO

**2.00 p.m. Media Centre Room 3**

*Joint WHO/IAS Press Conference: Intensified action needed to halt a quarter of a million TB deaths a year in people living with HIV*

• Helene Gayle, President, IAS
• Kevin De Cock, Director, HIV/AIDS Department, WHO
• Richard Chaissone, Principal Investigator of the Gates Foundation-funded CREATE research project; Professor of Medicine, John Hopkins University
• Lucy Chesire, National Empowerment Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Kenya (NEPHAK)

**4.00 p.m. Media Centre Room 2**

*WHO Press Conference: Evidence of what works: Preventing HIV in young people*

• Stephen Lewis, UN Special Envoy on HIV/AIDS in Africa
• Joy Phumaphi, Assistant Director-General, WHO
• David Ross, Epidemiologist, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
• Frika Chia Iskandar, Co-chair of Asia Pacific Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS
• Judy Auerbach, Vice President, Public Policy and Program Development, AMFAR
• Steve Kraus, Chief, HIV/AIDS Branch, UNFPA
• Ricardo Baruch, Youth AIDS Coalition, Mexico

**Thursday, August 17**

12.00 p.m. Media Centre Room 3  
*WHO Press Conference: Update on the link between male circumcision and acquisition of HIV*

• Kevin De Cock, Director, HIV/AIDS Department, WHO  
• Bertran Auvert, University of Versailles-Saint Quentin, France; INSERM (Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale) and Assistance Publique-Hôpitaux de Paris, Hôpital Ambroise Pare, France  
• Carolyn Williams, Chief, Epidemiology Branch, Division of AIDS, National Institutes of Health  
• Renee Ridzon, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
• Catherine Hankins, Chief Scientific Adviser, UNAIDS

**Friday, August 18**

2.00 p.m. Media Centre Room 1  
*IAS closing plenary press conference*

• Anders Nordström, Acting Director-General, WHO will address the most important outcomes of the conference and the need to turn political commitments and new knowledge into reality on the ground

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For enquiries regarding registration, conference facilities, and the conference programme, please contact the conference organizers: [media@aids2006.org](mailto:media@aids2006.org).