

SECURING BETTER ACCESS TO EARLY TESTING AND TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN LIVING WITH HIV or HIV/TB CO-INFECTION AND TO PREVENTION OF MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION OF HIV

Organized by Caritas Internationalis and the Embassy of the United States of America to the Holy See; Co-sponsored by: Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers, UNAIDS, World Health Organization Stop TB Department, Stop TB Partnership, Health Commission of the Unions of Superiors General, and Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital

Objectives of the Conference:

1. To inform key stakeholders among the leadership in Catholic Church-related health, development, and educational and pastoral services about the urgent need to expand access to testing and treatment for children living with HIV and TB and to promote greater coverage of simple, efficient, and cost-effective means to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV.
2. To encourage greater partnership among inter-governmental organizations, governments, and faith-based organizations in order to reach a greater number of women and children urgently in need of such care.
3. To promote greater solidarity among faith-based organizations located in industrialized countries and those located in high HIV and TB burden developing countries in order to deliver such care to the most vulnerable and needy populations.

Venue: Pontificia Università della Santa Croce
Piazza di S. Apollinare, 49, - near Piazza Navona
I-00186 Roma (Italia)

Date of the Conference: 14 October 2009

Draft Programme:

08.30 – 09.00 Registration

09.00 – 09.30 **Words of Welcome –**

Archbishop Zygmunt Zimowski, President of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers

Dr. Miguel H. Díaz, US Ambassador-Designate to the Holy See

Lesley-Anne Knight, Secretary General, Caritas Internationalis

Dr. Giuseppe Profiti, President, Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital

Father David Glenday, MCCJ, Secretary General,
Union of Superiors General

09.30 – 11.00 **Overview of HIV and TB Epidemics among Children and of current coverage for Testing and Treatment as well as for Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV** – Moderator: Ambassador-Designate of the United States of America to the Holy See – Speakers:

Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi, c.s., Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations and Specialized Agencies in Geneva

Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of UNAIDS

Dr. Deborah Birx, MD, Director, Global AIDS Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, United States of America

Dr. Georges Tiendrebeogo – Royal Tropical Institute, Netherlands and Cordaid (Caritas Netherlands)

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee/Tea Break

11.30 – 13.00 **Current “state of the art” of Early Testing and Treatment for Children living with HIV and/or TB and of PMTCT programming** – Moderator: Dr. Paolo Rossi Bambino Gesù Children’s Hospital & consultant for the European Medicines Agency(EMA) – Speakers:

Dr. Antonio Gerbase, WHO HIV Department

Sister Alison Munro, OP, Coordinating Secretary, AIDS Office, Southern Africa Catholic Bishops’ Conference

Dr. Francesco Di Campli, Medical Manager HIV GlaxoSmithKline

Rob Dintruff, Director, Global Care Initiatives, Abbott Laboratories

Dr. Patrizia Carlevaro, Head, International Aid Unit, Eli Lilly and Company

Dr. Giorgio Roscigno from Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND)

Prof. Leonardo Palombi, Comunità di Sant’Egidio DREAM Project

13.00 – 14.00 Light Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 **Experiences from the Field (Good Practices and Challenges Encountered)** Moderator: Father David

Glenday, MCCJ, Secretary General, Union of Superiors General:

Dr. Bruno Miteyo, Director of Caritas Democratic Republic of Congo

Father John Toai, Archdiocese of Ho Chi Minh City AIDS Pastoral Care Programme and Mai Tam Centre

Dr. María Mercedes Rossi – Associazione Papa Giovanni XXIII

Father Robert Maloney, CM, Partnership between Daughters of Charity and DREAM Project of the Comunità di Sant'Egidio

Sister María Teresia Hornemann – Missionary Servants of the Holy Spirit

Dr. Francesco Callea – Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital

Dr. Laura Rancilio, Caritas Ambrosiana and the Network of AIDS Focal Points in Caritas Italiana

15.30 – 16.00

Coffee/Tea Break

16.00 – 17.00

Reactors Panel: How Can the Catholic Church, inter-governmental organizations, governments, and other key stakeholders intensify their partnerships to increase access to testing and treatment for children living with HIV and/or TB and to promote greater uptake of Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV? Moderator: Lesley-Anne Knight, Secretary General, Caritas Internationalis. Speakers:

Dr. Guido Castelli Gattinara, Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital

Dr. Carl Stecker, Catholic Relief Services (USA)

Sally Smith, UNAIDS

Vittorio Cammarota, Stop TB Partnership

Monsignor Robert J. Vitillo, Caritas Internationalis

17.00 – 17.30 Adjournment

Programme for Awareness-Raising and Skills-Building Workshop related to:

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Dates: 15-16 October 2009

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15 October 2009

09.00 – 10.30 **Intensive Briefing on the need for increased access to prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and to testing and treatment for children living with HIV and/or HIV-TB co-infection – medical, treatment, and social challenges**

Dr. Malgorzata Grzemska – WHO – TB Department

Dr. Antonio Gerbase – WHO – HIV Department

Monsignor Robert J. Vitillo – Caritas Internationalis

11.00- 11.30 Coffee/Tea Break

11.30 – 13.00 **Experience from the field – situation of children living with HIV and/or HIV-TB co-infection in developing countries in comparison to that of such children living in higher-income countries**

Prof. Leonardo Palombi, Comunità Sant' Egidio

Guido Castelli Gattinara, Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital
(to speak about the situation in Latin America)

Father John Toai, Archdiocese of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Sister Alison Munro, Southern Africa Catholic Bishops' Conference

Dr. Bruno Miteyo – Director, Caritas Democratic Republic of Congo

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

Discussion on development and production of “child-friendly” medicines and diagnostics – progress made and ongoing challenges

Dr. Francesco Di Campli, Medical Manager HIV
GlaxoSmithKline

Dr. Patrizia Carlevaro, Head, International Aid Unit, Eli Lilly and Company

Dr. Giorgio Roscigno – Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND)

15.30 – 16.00

Coffee/Tea Break

16.00 – 17.30

Basic Techniques and Strategies to promote Awareness-raising and effective action – How to Frame an Issue? How to Communicate this? How to adapt the communication to the target audience? How to propose and monitor and effective response to the issue?

Christopher West, Catholic Relief Services, USA

16 October 2009

09.00 – 10.30

Shaping a strategy for Greater Access to Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and to early testing and treatment of children living with HIV and/or HIV/TB Co-infection – Whom should we target? What should we ask for? How do we best communicate the issues? How do we share our experiences with these efforts? How do we report our successes and challenges?

Monsignor Robert J. Vitillo – to present Caritas Internationalis HAART for Children Campaign

Brother Brian Bond – Edmund Rice International - to speak about promotion of Children's Letter-Writing Campaign in their schools

Vittorio Cammarota – Stop TB Partnership

Dr. Georges Tiendrebeogo – Royal Tropics Institute,
Netherlands, and Cordaid (Caritas Netherlands)

Communications experts

11.00- 11.30

Coffee/Tea Break

11.30 – 13.00

Practice Session: Role play of situations to promote awareness-raising and effective action – feedback from other participants

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

Strategy Session: small group work developing strategies on how to implement awareness-raising and effective action within respective activities in which participants are engaged – e.g., health care, social and development services, education, justice and peace-oriented activities

15.30 – 16.00

Coffee/Tea Break

16.00 – 17.30

Feedback from Strategy Session and Additional discussion on outstanding questions and issues

Evaluation of Training

Updated: 16 September 2009

Registration for Conference / Training Workshop on:

**Promoting Better Access To Early Testing and Treatment
For Children Living With HIV and/or HIV/TB Co-Infection**

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TITLE:

OFFICE/ORGANIZATION/RELIGIOUS CONGREGATION:

ADDRESS (include Street Address, City, Postal Code, Country)

Telephone (including country and City Code):

Fax (including country and city code):

E-mail: _____

I would like to participate in:

Conference only (14 October 2009) _____

Conference and Awareness/Skills-Building Workshop (14-15-16 October 2009)

Please indicate the language abilities of the registrant, so that we can assess translation needs appropriately:

English: Yes _____ No _____

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French: Yes _____ No _____

Spanish: Yes _____ No _____

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