

DIGGING FOR SOLUTIONS:

Implementation of the SADC Declaration on TB in the Mining Sector

TOWARDS ZERO TB DEATHS IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN MINING COMMUNITIES

Mine workers in Southern Africa have some of the highest rates of tuberculosis (TB) in the world. The epidemic is driven by high levels of HIV-infection, crowded living conditions and exposure to silica dust.

The issue is regional. The mining industry in South Africa is heavily dependent on migrant workers from surrounding countries. Men travelling to work in the mines are at the greatest risk of getting TB, but their families back home are also at risk when miners travel back and forth to work.

This satellite session, featuring African Ministers of Health, former mine workers and clips from a documentary, will present an overview of the challenges and opportunities brought about by a forthcoming Southern African Development Community Declaration on TB in the mining sector.

Satellite session at the XIX International AIDS conference (IAC), Washington DC

Tuesday 24 July 2012 18:30 -20:30

VENUE: MINI ROOM 3 (IAC PASS REQUIRED)

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PROGRAMME: 18:30 - 20:30

Chair: Dr Lucica Ditiu, Executive Secretary, Stop TB Partnership

Topic	Speaker
<i>Building political momentum</i>	
TB and mining: a political issue with personal impact	Minister Benedict Xaba, Ministry of Health, Swaziland
The drive for change: the build-up to the SADC Declaration on TB and mining	Dr Mphu Ramatlapeng, Board Vice Chair, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria
“Cutting off the head of Africa’s TB snake” - the need for new partnerships to address the co-epidemic	Dr Yogan Pillay, Deputy Director-General for HIV and AIDS, TB and MCH, Department of Health, South Africa
<i>Mineworkers’ perspectives</i>	
Video clips from the film “They go to die”	Mr Jonathan Smith, Director and Epidemiologist
Presentation by a former mine worker living with HIV and MDR-TB	Mr Earnest Mkoko, former mine worker from Swaziland
<i>From policy to action - informing and driving a regional response</i>	
Innovation in delivery to address mine-associated TB: next steps	Professor Gavin Churchyard, CEO, Aurum Institute
The road ahead: SADC Declaration on TB in the Mining Sector	Mr Stephen Sianga, Director for Social & Human Development and Special Programmes, SADC Secretariat
The economic and business case for addressing mine-associated TB	Dr Olusoji Adeyi, Sector Manager for Health, Nutrition and Population in Eastern and Southern Africa, World Bank
Concluding Remarks	Dr Erick Ventura, Regional Migration Health Coordinator/Chief of Mission, IOM Pretoria
Discussion, networking and refreshments	