



**First Africa-Region TB/HIV Advocacy Workshop
June 19-21, 2006
Cape Town, South Africa**

ANNOUNCEMENT & REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

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TAG announces the First Africa-Region TB/HIV Advocacy Workshop. The workshop will be hosted in partnership with the Treatment Action Campaign. Following are the relevant details for potential applicants.

A. Workshop Information

1. Title: First Africa-Region TB/HIV Advocacy Workshop

2. When: June 19-21, 2006

3. Where: Cape Town, South Africa.

4. Workshop Goals:

- (i) Education.** To share information on TB and HIV research, prevention, treatment, and policy; and to initiate and build upon strategies to disseminate information about TB/HIV coinfection within Africa through developing skills necessary to help communities understand, participate in, and provide input into research and treatment programs.
- (ii) Networking.** To provide opportunities for Africa-based TB and HIV community advocates to develop working relationships each other, WHO representative, researchers, and others involved with TB and HIV/AIDS control to effectively represent affected communities.
- (iii) Advocacy & resource mobilization.** To provide opportunities for Africa-based TB and HIV community advocates to develop plans, skills, and strategies to mobilize communities, policymakers, and resources to better fight TB/HIV at the country and regional levels, and participate in global policy initiatives.

5. Other Expectations:

All participants will be required to attend the full workshop meet daily for discussions and debriefing, meet with researchers, national TB program officers, and representatives of WHO and other organizations working to better control the dual epidemics of TB and HIV.

6. Official Languages of the Workshop?

The meeting will be conducted in English and French and will require that all applicants be able to read, write, and speak English or French.

7. Who should apply?

- (i) Prioritized Individuals:** Priority will be given to Africa-based OSI/TAG TB/HIV grant recipients, to community representatives on the Stop TB Partnership, as well as to members of the TAG/OSI TB/HIV Community Advisory Committee based in Africa.

- (ii) **Additional target communities:** Africa-based community advocates with a demonstrated history or keen interest in treatment advocacy, community mobilization, and treatment literacy programs, and who work with organizations or networks with an interest in expanding access to TB and HIV care in countries with a high or growing incidence of TB and HIV co-infection.

8. Cost:

All invited participants will have their travel, lodging, and meals paid for the duration of the workshop. We will also provide travelers health insurance for participants who need it for visa purposes. TAG will only be able to cover the lodging, meals, transportation, and health insurance costs for dates that the participants are invited for. Due to financial limitations, only a limited number of applicants will be selected.

8. How to apply:

Please fill out the application form below by close of business on **April 14, 2006**. You can also access the form on-line at <http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/tag/>, fill out the form and send it to TAG at the e-mail/ fax below.

B. Background of TB/HIV

Tuberculosis (TB) is the most common infection among people living with HIV/AIDS, and a leading killer of PLWHA worldwide. Like HIV, TB can be prevented and treated; unlike HIV, it can also be cured. Yet in sub-Saharan Africa access to treatment is not ensured and as many as 70% of people with HIV lack access to life-saving DOTS TB treatment. Wherever the HIV epidemic is generalized, TB is now a major concern, and wherever HIV is spreading, HIV-related TB is becoming a major concern. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that with additional resources and training, TB control programs could cure TB among millions of HIV-infected individuals, and could identify and refer up to 500,000 HIV-infected TB patients to antiretroviral therapy (ART) treatment programs per year.

C. Information about co-organizers

TAG: The Treatment Action Group (TAG) fights to find a cure for AIDS and to ensure that all people living with HIV receive the necessary treatment, care, and information they need to save their lives. TAG's TB/HIV Project is funded through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and aims to integrate TB/HIV issues into global AIDS advocacy – and to broaden community advocacy, education & mobilization against HIV-related tuberculosis. As one strategy to accomplish this goal, TAG has been organizing an annual TB/HIV Community Education and Mobilization workshops in conjunction with the IUATLD for the past four years.

TAC: The Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) was launched on 10 December 1998, International Human Rights Day. Its main objective is to campaign for greater access to HIV treatment for all South Africans, by raising public awareness and understanding about issues surrounding the availability, affordability and use of HIV treatments.

All applications need to be received by TAG at the following address, preferably by e-mail by the close of business on **April 14, 2006**. Please feel free to write back if you have any questions

Mail: First Africa-Region TB/HIV Advocacy Workshop
Joe McConnell
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611 Broadway, Suite 608
New York, NY 10012, USA

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First Africa-Region TB/HIV Advocacy Workshop Participant Application

Completed applications must be received at TAG on or before **Friday April 14, 2006** by email or fax to:

Mail: First Africa-Region TB/HIV Workshop
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Administrative Director
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New York, NY 10012 USA

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Email: tagnyc@verizon.net

WORKSHOP APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name as it appears on your passport/ travel document (Last name/ First name):

Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Date of Birth (Month/ Day/ Year):

Passport number/ social security number:

Country of Nationality (We need this for insurance purposes):

Organization:

Address:

City:

State/Province:

Postal code:

Country:

Telephone (include cell phone and line lines, please also include country and area codes):

Fax:

Email:

Website:

Specify if you have any dietary restrictions (eg: vegetarian, halal/ kosher):

We will be rooming two people per room. If you need to room by yourself due to a medical reason, please specify the reason:

I am requesting support for travel & accommodations to the 1st Africa Regional TB/HIV Advocacy Workshop Yes _____ No: _____

I do not need travel support but would like to attend. Yes: _____ No: _____

I am a Community Representative on the Stop TB Partnership Yes: _____ No: _____

I am a grant recipient of an OSI TB/HIV Advocacy Grant. Yes: _____ No: _____

I am currently on the OSI/TAG TB/HIV Advisory Committee Yes: _____ No: _____

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (check all that apply): Yes No

HIV/AIDS organization _____

