

U.S. Congress World TB Day Congressional Briefing

Tuberculosis – Why This Ancient Disease Remains a Global Health Threat

In cooperation with the House TB Elimination Caucus, co-chaired by Reps. Engel (D-NY), Green (D-TX) & Young (R-AK)

**Tuesday, March 20, 2012
12:00pm - 1:30pm
Room B-340, Rayburn House Office Building**

Lunch will be served

You are invited to attend an educational briefing on tuberculosis - what it is, how it spreads and why we have not eliminated this ancient disease that persists in the U.S. and is the second leading infectious disease worldwide, killing 1.4 million people annually. All U.S. states continue to report cases of TB. Border states and those with large Native American and other racial and ethnic minority populations face special challenges. Special areas of focus of the briefing will include drug resistant TB and TB in children. Worldwide, major gains have been made in expanding access to treatment but there are still challenges ahead including ensuring prevention and care of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis. Join us to learn why U.S. leadership on this global health threat is critical.

Speakers:

Mario Raviglione, M.D., Director, Stop TB Department, World Health Organization, Moderator

RADM Kenneth G. Castro, M.D., Director, Division of TB Elimination, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Jeffrey Starke, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine and Director, Children's TB Clinic, Texas Children's Hospital

Rachel Orduno, MSW, Vice-President, TB Photovoice & Advocate for Persons Affected by TB

**Please RSVP to Chris Hughes of the American Thoracic Society
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(This is a widely attended event)

