

Access to Life Exhibition

Opening Panel Discussion *In Japanese and English with simultaneous interpreting*

Friday, September 3, 2010, 16:00–17:30 (Doors open at 15:30)

Asahi Hall, 11th floor, Yurakucho Mullion, Tokyo

Co-organized by Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
Japan Center for International Exchange/Friends of the Global Fund, Japan
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- Opening Remarks: **Tadashi Yamamoto**, Director, Friends of the Global Fund, Japan; President, Japan Center for International Exchange
- Keynote Address: **Michel Sidibé**, Executive Director, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS);
Under Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Panel Discussion: **Ernest Loevinsohn**, Vice Chair of the Board, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund);
Director, Policy and Advocacy, Global Health Program, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Carol Nyirenda, National Coordinator, Community Initiative for Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and Malaria (CITAM+), Zambia;
Board Member of the Global Fund
Mark Lubell, Director, Magnum Photos New York
- Moderator: **Aiko Doden**, Senior Commentator, Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NHK)
- Closing Remarks: **Christoph Benn**, Director of External Relations and Partnership Cluster, Global Fund

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Close to 30 million lives have been lost to AIDS in the nearly 30 years since the disease was identified, but recent years have brought about a kind of “quiet revolution” in the availability of treatment for AIDS. In the mid-1990s, antiretroviral (ARV) treatment transformed AIDS in the industrialized world from a death sentence to a manageable chronic disease. Yet in developing countries, where the majority of people infected with HIV live, most could not afford the high price of the drugs, and health systems for providing treatment were often inadequate or non-existent. As a result, many people infected with HIV were not able to access the treatment they needed to save their lives. Then, as we entered the 21st century the activist and international development communities began to mobilize to combat the AIDS pandemic. Japan and other industrialized countries—along with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) and partner international organizations such as UNAIDS—strengthened their support to achieve AIDS treatment in developing countries. As a result, more than five million people to date in developing countries around the world have been able to access free or low-cost treatment for AIDS. Millions more lives have been saved to date through prevention efforts. The Access to Life exhibit, consisting of 550 photographs, demonstrates the impact of ARV treatment provided through Global Fund – supported programs on the daily lives and health of more than 30 people across nine countries. While the exhibit does not shy away from portraying those for whom treatment came too late, or was not successful, the overwhelming majority of the stories portrayed are those of individuals with a new sense of hope for the future—of being restored to life and health—and the possibility of an active life with their families.

A panel discussion has been organized to mark the launch of the Access to Life exhibit in Tokyo. Michel Sidibé, on his first trip to Japan since becoming the executive director of UNAIDS, will offer a keynote address, followed by a panel discussion focused on the achievements of our generation in responding to the shared global challenge of AIDS and what still needs to be done. Panelists will make their remarks from their own perspectives as policymakers and donors, people infected and affected by HIV, and those who have dedicated themselves to raising awareness around the world of this shared challenge.

Photo exhibition

Date:	Sunday, September 5 –Wednesday, September 22 11:00–19:00 (until 18:00 on the last day), No entrance fee	Special Sponsor: Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited
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