



Former President of the Portuguese Republic, Jorge Sampaio, will be honoured for his dedication in the fight against tuberculosis. The ceremony will take place on Monday, April 15th, at 2 pm at the World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters in Geneva. "Dr Sampaio has been an envoy of the first order for tuberculosis, but also for the values of public health for what WHO stands for", said WHO Director General Margaret Chan.

Jorge Sampaio ended his tenure as Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the UN to Fight Tuberculosis in December 2012. The event aims to celebrate their commitment and dedication to raise the profile of public health and tuberculosis. In this ceremony the Director General of WHO will honour Jorge Sampaio for his efforts in defending better control of tuberculosis among world leaders. The tribute will take place following the debate on the future of high-level political advocacy.

During his appointment as UN Secretary-General Special Envoy to Stop Tuberculosis, Dr Sampaio has embarked on an ambitious programme to raise its visibility, including contacting all the G8 leaders to encourage them to prioritize tuberculosis.

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