

World AIDS Day activities and events 2009

The following list is based on information from Brussels-based organizations and institutions engaged in activities and events related to World AIDS Day 2009

23 November, Strasbourg, France

- The European Parliament will observe a moment of silence and/or issue a statement on occasion of World AIDS Day at its opening session

25 November, Strasbourg, France

- Seminar on AIDS for Members of the European Parliament, combined with the launch of this year's Epidemiological Update from UNAIDS, organised by the Working Group on Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS and Development in the European Parliament (EPWG) in cooperation with UNAIDS, STOP AIDS Alliance, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative and International Partnership for Microbicides. Members Salon, Louise Weiss, 8.30-10.00.

30 November-3 December, Luanda, Angola, EU-ACP Joint Parliamentary Assembly

- Field visit for Members of the European Parliament and journalists on the AIDS situation and response in Angola, organized by UNAIDS
- STOP AIDS Alliance will work with EU-ACP parliamentarians on a declaration on scaling up towards universal access for HIV prevention, treatment, care and support, will conduct a series of interviews with parliamentarians, and jointly with IPM, IAVI and the Concord Working Group on HIV/AIDS organize distribution of red ribbons, condoms, information etc.
- A special session will focus on the impact of the financial crisis on scaling up towards universal access.

30 November-14 December, Brussels

- Banner with Red Ribbon exhibited at the front of Berlaymont.

1 December, Brussels and Stockholm

- EU statement for World AIDS Day published by the Presidency

1 December, Brussels

- Joint press release for World AIDS Day from DEV/SANCO/RTD/RELEX/AIDCO
- World AIDS Day article posted at the DEV/Europa website
- New publication on Council Conclusions and the Report on Progress in the implementation of the European Programme for Action to Confront HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis through External Action

1 December, Brussels

- Commissioner Vassiliou will deliver a keynote speech on the new Commission *Communication on Combating HIV/AIDS in the European Union and its neighbouring countries* at special seminar organized by the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control, focusing on the situation of men who have sex with men in Europe. European Parliament, 18.15 (exact venue will be communicated soon).

1 December, Brussels

- World AIDS Day seminar: Overview of the HIV/AIDS state of play in the world, concrete testimonies from doctors and people living in Malawi, Info Point External Cooperation. Rue de la Loi 43, Ground floor, 13:00 - 14:00
- World AIDS Day Exhibition organized in Berlaymont by ADMIN Health Services, quiz on HIV/AIDS for Commission officials, all day
- Exhibition organized by the library in DG DEV with World AIDS Day posters and new publications, Rue de la Science 15, all day

1 December, Brussels

World AIDS Day events organized by Plateforme Prevention SIDA and Sensoa:

- 1 December Solidarity March for people living with and affected by HIV, , depart Place de Monnaie 19:00 on the route Fripiers - Midi - Lombard - Etuve - Chêne - Vielle Halle aux Blés - Place St-Jean - Duquesnoy - Madeleine - Place Agora - Colline - Grand-Place, arrival 20:00.
- Exhibition of patchwork and reception, presentation of the patchwork and messages of solidarity, awareness and hope for the many people living with and affected by HIV, Hôtel de ville de Bruxelles, 20:00

1 December, Brussels

- World AIDS Day seminar organized by the African Union mission for ACP diplomats in Brussels, the ACP House, Avenue George Henri 451, 1200 Brussels, 15:00-18:00

1 December, Antwerp

- World AIDS Day Seminar "Progress in technologies and impact of programmes, HIV/STI Epidemiology and Control Unit, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Campus Rochus, aula P.G. Janssens, Sint-Rochusstraat 45, Antwerpen, 09:00- 14:00

4 December

- "Universal access for nearly all? - Development and Human Rights - How to make AIDS responses more inclusive to people with disabilities, organized by AIDCO in collaboration with DG DEV and International Disability and Development Consortium, Info Point External Cooperation. Rue de la Loi 43, Ground floor, 13:00 - 14:00