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## **“THE OTHER WAR ON DRUGS”: INTERNATIONAL PANEL TO DISCUSS ACCESS TO MEDICINES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

**OTTAWA, April 19, 2007** — The Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network will co-host a panel discussion tonight for MPs, senators and journalists on the struggle for access to affordable medicines for millions of people in developing countries.

This event takes place as the federal government reviews Canada’s Access to Medicines Regime, and a House of Commons committee holds hearings on what should be done to fix it. Experts from Canada, India, Thailand and Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders will give updates from the front lines.

- WHAT:** **“The Other War on Drugs: Access to Medicines in Developing Countries”**
- WHO:** **Senator Jon Ungphakorn**, Executive Secretary, AIDS Access Foundation (Thailand)  
**Ellen ’t Hoen**, Director for Policy Advocacy, Médecins Sans Frontières — Campaign for Access to Essential Medicines  
**Chansoo Park**, Senior Technical Policy Advisor, Lawyers Collective — HIV/AIDS Unit (India)  
**Richard Elliott**, Deputy Director, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network
- WHEN:** **Thursday, April 19, 2007**  
**7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**
- WHERE:** **National Press Club — Library**  
**165 Sparks Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**  
**Ottawa**

Panellists will be available for media interviews at the end of this event, which is also open to the general public. Additional information is available on-line at [www.aidslaw.ca/events](http://www.aidslaw.ca/events).

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