

JOINT UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

Support to NEPAD

Areas of support to NEPAD: *Human resource development (health, education)*

1. The Executive Director and senior staff of UNAIDS have continued to be strong advocates of NEPAD within the UN system at both regional and country levels. This has included numerous speeches, policy inputs and attendance at high level meetings in which UNAIDS has presented on the issue.

2. Considering that HIV/AIDS was not adequately addressed in the original NEPAD strategy, UNAIDS is supporting NEPAD in the mainstreaming of HIV/AIDS into all of its sectors. A consultation is currently underway to develop a strategy that will enable each sector to integrate HIV/AIDS in its core activities and make HIV/AIDS an overarching issue in NEPAD.

3. The Commission on HIV/AIDS and Governance (CHGA) addresses some issues on HIV/AIDS that complement and supplement areas covered by NEPAD. There are, however, weak linkages between thematic areas of the 2 institutions. UNAIDS is, therefore, supporting fostering linkages and defining areas that add value in the functions of the two institutions.

4. UNAIDS has strengthened its office in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, by appointing a senior level staff member and recruiting staff to be responsible for on-going follow-up on NEPAD and other regional bodies. In addition, UNAIDS has focal points on NEPAD at headquarter and regional levels.

5. UNAIDS will support monitoring the performance of countries on HIV/AIDS through the NEPAD African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM). HIV/AIDS will form part of the APRM within the objectives, standards, criteria and indicators that are agreed upon. Through NEPAD, the UN will engage the APRM Secretariat (currently located within the NEPAD Secretariat) in political and programmatic discussion on the process and actions to be taken to effect the recommendation.

6. In view of the WHO 3 x 5 strategy, UNAIDS will provide policy support to NEPAD to develop capacity of countries for effective implementation of 3 by 5 treatment of people living with HIV/AIDS. The NEPAD HR cluster will initiate the contacts with the appropriate sectors and facilitate the discussion on the process within the NEPAD Secretariat.

7. To promote effective support to NEPAD, UNAIDS has attended all relevant cluster meetings and consultations. UNAIDS staff attended the UN NEPAD's Human Resource Development, Employment and HIV/AIDS Cluster Meeting held at the NEPAD Secretariat 29-30 January 2004.

8. UNAIDS is supporting NEPAD to identify best practices for use as strategic information for policy.