



2006 High Level Meeting on AIDS

General Assembly, United Nations, New York
31 May - 2 June 2006

Uniting the world against AIDS

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World Leaders to Assess Progress on AIDS Response

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NEW YORK – The 2006 High Level Meeting on AIDS – to assess the international response to the epidemic – will take place from 31 May to 2 June at the United Nations. More than a dozen Heads of State and Government and over 100 Ministers are expected to attend, as well as more than a thousand representatives of civil society and the private sector.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan will present a report on progress achieved in realizing the targets agreed by UN Member States in the historic Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, adopted in 2001 at the UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS.

The meeting will also identify common challenges to scaling-up and sustaining national AIDS responses. Member States will consider recommendations on how to scale-up HIV prevention, treatment, care and support with the aim of coming as close as possible to the goal of universal access to treatment by 2010 for all those who need it.

Almost 800 civil society groups have been granted special accreditation to the meeting, an unprecedented number for such a gathering, and many more are expected to attend as part of organizations already accredited to the UN or as part of national delegations. A hearing will be held to provide an opportunity for civil society to exchange views with Member States.

For the first time, a person living with HIV will address the General Assembly plenary. Other speakers include the President of the General Assembly, Jan Eliasson; the UN Secretary-General; and the Executive Director of UNAIDS, Dr. Peter Piot.

The 2006 High Level Meeting on AIDS will feature a series of panel discussions as well as roundtables on a range of critical topics, including financing a scaled-up AIDS response and overcoming stigma and discrimination. Building on these discussions, a political declaration will be adopted at the close of the meeting on 2 June.

An Evening of Remembrance and Hope: Uniting the World Against AIDS will take place 1 June in the General Assembly Hall. The event will remember the 25 years of AIDS and the heroes who have shaped the AIDS response. The UN Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the Executive Director of UNAIDS will take part. Speakers include Noerine Kaleeba, Naomi Watts, Iryna Borisheck, Mary Fisher and Whoopi Goldberg. The event will also include performances by Wyclef

Jean, Salman Ahmad, the African Children's Choir and Angelique Kidjo. A photo opportunity and press conference have been tentatively scheduled to precede the event. For more information on the 2006 High Level Meeting on AIDS, see www.un.org/ga/aidsmeeting2006.

Media accreditation

Journalists interested in attending the High Level Meeting on AIDS must be accredited to the UN. For information on accreditation, please visit <http://www.un.org/media/accreditation/>.

Media centre

A media centre will be available for journalists during the High Level Meeting on AIDS at the UN. The room will be equipped with Wi-fi Internet service. A limited number of computers and printers will also be available. There will be television monitors carrying live proceedings on closed-circuit television.

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Media Programme

All events open to media unless otherwise specified.

For media access to GA Hall booths, inquire at the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (+1 212 963 6934) or Media Centre info desk

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| MON 29 May | 0900 – 1700 | Youth Summit Day 1 (continues Tues.) | UNFPA, News Building, 42 nd St | Invited youth delegates | Advocates for Youth, UNFPA |

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| TUE 30 May | 1120 – 1150 | Press Conference -- Global Report Launch | UN HQ Room 226 | UNAIDS Executive Director Peter Piot | UNAIDS S. Barton-Knott bartonknotts@unaids.org +1 917 379 6948 |
| | 1200 – 1300 | Unveiling of Red Ribbon | UN HQ North Lawn area | UN staff | UNAIDS S. Barton-Knott bartonknotts@unaids.org +1 917 379 6948 |

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| WED 31 May | 0900 – 0930 | Opening Plenary Meeting | GA Hall | Speakers include GA President, UN Secretary- General, UNAIDS Exec. Director | See Media Contacts |
| | 0945 | Media stake-out UN Secretary-General and GA President – outside GA Hall | | | |
| | 1000 – 1300 | Informal interactive civil society hearing | UN HQ Conf Rm 2 | Civil society representatives, Member States, UN entities, Global Fund | Office of the President of the General Assembly and UNAIDS NYO |
| | 1100 – 1200 | Partnership Event with the National Basketball Association | TBA | Invited | UNICEF Ms Thilly De Bodt Tel: (212) 326 7453 tdebodt@unicef.org |
| | 12.45 – 13.15 | Press Conference – opening of review | UN HQ Rm 226 | UNAIDS Exec Director Peter Piot, Global Fund Exec Director Richard Feachem | UNAIDS S. Barton-Knott bartonknotts@unaids.org +1 917 379 6948 |
| | 13.15 – 13.45 | Press Conference – Global Fund | UN HQ Rm 226 | SG Spec Envoy Stephen Lewis, Elizabeth Mataka, Coalition of People Living with AIDS in Zambia | The Global Fund, Jon Liden, jon.liden@theglobalfund.org +41 79 244 6006 |
| | 1400 – 1500 | Film Showing & Panel discussion “Wake Up” | Library Auditorium | | UNFPA Christian Delsol delsol@unfpa.org |
| | 1500 – 1600 | Press Conference – Global Business Council on HIV/AIDS | UN HQ RM 226 | GBC Exec Director Richard Holbrooke | UNAIDS S. Barton-Knott bartonknotts@unaids.org +1 917 379 6948 |

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| | 1500 – 1800 | Panel #1 Breaking the cycle of HIV infection for sustainable AIDS responses | UN HQ Conf Rm 2 | Delegates | WFP Sarah Rossmann, Tel: 917 367 0068 rossmanns@un.org Support: UNESCO |
| | | Panel #2 Overcoming health worker shortages and other health systems and social sector constraints to the movement towards universal access to treatment | UN HQ Conf Rm 4 | Delegates | WHO Anne Winter Tel: +41 794 406 011 Email: wintera@who.int Ms Fatima Khan Tel: 212 963 6002 khan37@UN.org Support: UNODC |

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| THU 1 June | 1000 – 1300 | Panel #3 Ending the increased feminization of AIDS | UN HQ Conf Rm 2 | Delegates | Lead: UNFPA Lynn Collins (212) 297 5138 collins@unfpa.org Support: UNHCR, UNIFEM |
| | | Panel #4 Sustainable and predictable financing for scaled-up AIDS responses | UN HQ Conf Rm 4 | | Lead: World Bank Olivia Elee +1.202.458.7318 oelee@worldbank.org Support: UNICEF, Global Fund |
| | | Panel #5 Overcoming stigma and discrimination and changing the way societies respond to people living with HIV | UN HQ ECOSOC | | Lead: UNDP Nadia Rasheed Tel: (212) 906 5052 nadia.rasheed@undp.org Support: ILO |
| | 1315 – 1445 | “Stop SIDA” film premier and discussion (56 minute length) | UN HQ Conf Rm 2 | Open | UNHCR Lena Hothes Tel. 646 289 1923 hothes@unhcr.org |

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| | 1500 – 1600 | UN Secretary-General meets with people living with HIV Media Stake-out outside Conf. Room 8 | UN HQ Conf Rm 8 | People living with HIV including UN Positive staff group | UNAIDS S. Barton-Knott bartonknotts@unaids.org +1 917 379 6948 |
| | 1600 – 1800 | Plenary - Summary of the discussions over the past two days | Trusteeship Council | Delegations | See Media Contacts |
| | 1900 – 2100 | “An Evening of Remembrance and Hope: Uniting the World Against AIDS” Photo opportunity ahead of time | GA Hall | Performers include Naomi Watts, Whoopi Goldberg, Wyclef Jean, Angelique Kidjo | UNAIDS S. Barton-Knott bartonknotts@unaids.org +1 917 379 6948 |

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| FRI 2 June | 0900 – 1300 | High Level Meeting | GA Hall | Opening speakers include GA President, UN SG | See Media Contacts |
| | 1500 – 1800 (to continue in evening) | High Level Meeting and adoption of Political Declaration | GA Hall | Delegations | See Media Contacts |