

2006 High Level Meeting on AIDS
United Nations, New York, 31 May – 2 June 2006

Event: **Informal Interactive Civil Society Hearing**

Date/Time: **31 May, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Venue: **Conference Room 2**

The hearing will provide an opportunity for an exchange of views between civil society and Member States and observers on issues including those arising from the report of the Secretary-General (A/60/736) and from the Towards universal access: assessment by UNAIDS on scaling up HIV prevention, treatment, care and support (A/60/737). It will be open to all Member States and observers and actively involve representatives of non-governmental organizations. Other entities listed in paragraph 5 of the main body of the information note are also invited to attend, within the limits of the space available.

The hearing will be chaired by the President of the General Assembly or his representative. Following opening remarks by the chair, the hearing will be addressed by Ms. Martine Ago of the BLETY organization from Cote d'Ivoire as part of the GNP+ delegation. She will make a short presentation then introduce a five-minute video showing civil society perspectives from four different regions of the world. In the case that Ms. Ago is unable to attend, Mr. Thomas Cai, from AIDS Care China, and also part of the Global Network of People living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+) delegation, will be invited to act as alternate for this session.

Twelve speakers from civil society will be invited to address specific themes, in the order listed below. Presentations will be as brief as possible. A maximum time limit of four minutes per presentation will be observed.

In case the speaker is unable to participate in the hearing, the alternate proposed below will be invited to speak on the topic specified.

1. The greater involvement of people living with HIV and AIDS (GIPA)
 - Ms. Iryna Borushek of the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV (PLWH), Ukraine
 - Alternate: Ms. Maureen Brenson of the International Community of Women Living with AIDS (ICW), Uruguay
2. Addressing the needs of marginalized groups
 - Mr. Allan Clear, Harm Reduction Coalition, USA
 - Alternate: Ms. Elena Reynaga, Trabajadoras Sexuales, Argentina
3. Gender equality, women's empowerment, human rights of women and girls in the context of AIDS

- Ms. Meena Saraswathi Seshu, Sampada Grameen Mahila Sanstha (SANGRAM), India
 - Alternate: Ms. Jodi Jacobson, Center for Health and Gender Equity, USA
4. Sexual and reproductive health and rights
 - Ms. Laura Villa Torres, the Youth Coalition, Mexico
 - Alternate: Mrs. Glennis Hyacenth, Development Alternatives for Women in a New Era / Advocates for Safe Parenthood Improving Reproductive Equity, Trinidad and Tobago
 5. Research and development
 - Ms. Colleen Daniels, Consumer International, Netherlands
 - Alternate: Ms. Anjali Nayyar, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), India
 6. The private sector and labor: the workplace role and response to AIDS
 - Mr. Brian Brink, Anglo American/International Women's Health Coalition, South Africa
 - Alternate: Mr. Anthony Ruys, Heineken/Stop AIDS Now, The Netherlands
 7. Trade
 - Ms. Philo Morris, Medical Missionaries, India
 - Alternate: Mr. John McCullough, Church World Service, USA
 8. Resources for health
 - Ms. Lilian Mworeko, International Community of Women Living with AIDS (ICW), Uganda
 - Alternate: Ms. Margaret Chung, Development Alternatives for Women DAWN, Fiji
 9. Children and AIDS
 - Ms. Musimbi Kanyoro, World YWCA, Kenya
 - Alternate: Ms. Thandiwe Mathunjwa, UNANIMA, Swaziland
 10. The role of religion and AIDS
 - Mr. Johannes Petrus Heath, African Network of Religious Leaders Living With and Personally Affected by HIV and AIDS (ANERELA+), Namibia
 - Alternate: Ms. Jacinta Maingi, Ecumenical HIV/AIDS Initiative in Africa/World Council of Churches, Kenya
 11. Demonstrating commitment and accountability
 - Ms. Millicent Obaso, Care International, Kenya
 - Alternate: Ms. Iliuta Elena Catalina, Romanian Association Against AIDS (ARAS), Romania

12. Human rights

- Mr. Ruben Pecchio, Grupo Genesis Panama Positivo, Panama
- Alternate: Ms. Elsabet Menon, African Services Committee, Ethiopia

Following the presentations, the President of the General Assembly or his representative will chair an interactive session with alternate interventions from Member States and Civil Society participants. Participants will be requested to identify themselves prior to posing their intervention and will be allowed a maximum of three minutes each.

The alternates listed above may be invited to provide interventions from the floor during this part of the meeting. Within the limits of time available, the following individuals may also be invited to take part in the hearing as active participants:

- Ms. Maura Mea, GNP+, Papua New Guinea
- Ms. Khensavi Mavasa, International Women's Health Coalition, USA
- Ms. Naoko Kawana, Japan Network of People Living with HIV (JNP+), Japan
- Mr. Bill Roedy, MTV International, USA
- Mr. Edgar Carrasco, Latin American and Caribbean Council of AIDS Service Organizations (LACASSO), Venezuela
- Ms. Luisa Tora, Pacific and Asian Council of AIDS Service Organizations (PACASO), Fiji
- Ms. Jacqueline Mpolokeng, Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU-ICFTU), South Africa
- Mr. Wouter Van Der Schaaf, Education International (EI), The Netherlands
- Ms. Mairie Bopp, Pacific AIDS Foundation, Fiji
- Mr. Tommy Sithole, International Olympic Committee, Switzerland
- Ms. Imane Khachani, The Youth Coalition, Morocco

Following the interactive exchange, the President will introduce Ms. Ludfine Anyango from Kenya, representing ActionAid International, who will summarize the discussions. Mr. Thomas Cai of AIDS Care China, accredited by GNP+, will be invited to act as alternate in case Ms Anyango is unable to attend the hearing.

The proposed speakers, alternates and other active participants representing civil society are invited civil society organizations as listed in A/60/CRP.2, as approved in General Assembly Decision 60/554 of 27 March, or are registered as part of delegations of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Access to the Civil Society Hearing will be on a first come-first served basis, with a number of seats reserved for Member States.

There will be an "overflow room" (Conference Room 3) to enable delegates unable to attend in person to follow proceedings.