



2008 High-Level Meeting on AIDS

General Assembly, United Nations, New York

10 - 11 June 2008

Uniting the world against AIDS

Programme for Panel Discussions

Panel 1: How do we build on results achieved and speed up progress towards universal access by 2010 – moving on to reach the MDGs by 2015?

The panel will take stock of results and focus on remaining gaps and key decisions that need to be taken - along with actions at country, regional and global levels. The panel will examine specific findings from country progress reports.

Date/time: Tuesday, 10 June, 3 – 4:30 p.m. (Conference Room 4)

Chair: *H. E. Mr. Nimal Siripala De Silva, Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition (Sri Lanka)*

Panelists:

National representative: *H.E. Ms. Nilcéa Sreire, Minister of Women's Affairs (Brazil)*

Civil Society Representative: *Dr Lydia Mungherera of The AIDS Service Organisation (TASO) (Uganda)*

UN Representative: *Dr. Margaret Chan, Director General, World Health Organization (WHO)*

Panel 2: The challenges of providing leadership and political support in countries with concentrated epidemics.

The panel will focus on the various drivers of the epidemic, HIV and human rights and how to reach stigmatized, hard to reach and vulnerable populations. What specific actions are needed to overcome socio-economic barriers and other obstacles to access to prevention, treatment, care and support.

Date/Time: Tuesday, 10 June, 4:30 – 6 p.m. (Conference Room 4)

Chair: *H.E. Mr. Elias Antonio Saca Gonzales, President (El Salvador)*

Panelists:

National representative: *H.E. Ms. Rigmor Aasrud, State Secretary of Health and Care Services (Norway)*

Civil Society Representative: *Ms. Sonal Mehta of India HIV/AIDS Alliance (India)*

UN Representative: *Mr Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)*

Panel 3: Making the Response to AIDS Work for Women and Girls – Gender Equality and AIDS.

The panel will review findings from country reports on the progress, or lack thereof, with regard to the feminization of the epidemic and gender equality; remaining barriers and proposed actions to overcome these.

Date/Time: Wednesday, 11 June, 10 – 11:30 a.m. (Conference Room 4)

Chair: *Ms. Anna Marzec – Boguslawska, Head of the National AIDS Centre (Poland)*

Panelists:

National Representative: *H.E. Mr. Francisco Duque III, Minister of Health (Philippines)*



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Civil Society Representative: *Ms. Rosa González (Honduras), LACASSO - ICASO¹*

UN Representative: *Ms. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)*

Panel 4: AIDS: A Multigenerational Challenge – Providing a Robust and Long Term Response.

The panel will examine critical linkages between the response to AIDS and long-term development, health system strengthening, social protection, scientific innovation and the lethal combination of HIV and Tuberculosis. The UN Special Envoy to Stop TB will present the outcome and recommendations of the “HIV-TB Global Leaders’ Forum”. What more can be done to ensure a robust, sustainable and multi-generational response?

Date/Time: Wednesday, 11 June, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Conference Room 4)

Chair: *H.E. Dr. Tabita Botros Shokai, Minister of Health (Republic of the Sudan)*

Panelists:

National Representative: *H. E. Ms. Maret Maripuu, Minister of Social Affairs (Estonia)*

Civil Society Representative: *Mr. Gregg Gonsalves (US), Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+)*

UN Representative: *Ms. Ann Veneman, Executive Director, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)*

Panel 5: Resources and Universal Access: Opportunities and Limitations.

The panel will examine aspects of financing of the response to AIDS, including sources of funding, resource allocation, and spending, “making the money work”, accountability and predictable and multi-year funding. How can sustainable funding be assured at country level for the long-term?

Date/Time: Wednesday, 11 June, 3 – 4:30 p.m. (Conference Room 4)

Chair: *H.E. Mr. Gudlaugur Thor Thordarson, Minister of Health (Iceland)*

Panelists:

National Representative: *H.E. Mr. Daniel Kwelagobe, Minister, Presidential Affairs and Public Administration (Botswana)*

Civil Society Representative: *Mr. Vladimir Zhovtyak of Eastern European and Central Asian Union of People Living with HIV/AIDS (Ukraine)*

International organization representative: *Mr. Michel Kazatchkine, Executive Director, Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria*

¹ Latin American and Caribbean Council of AIDS Service Organizations - International Council of AIDS Service Organizations.