



**Ministerial Meeting on HIV and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
ECOSOC Annual Ministerial Review
Jamaica, 4-6 June 2009**

PROGRAMME¹

THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2009

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Arrival of participants from Latin America and Registration
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Consultation on implementation of the Mexico Declaration

FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2009

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration (cont'd)

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. ***Opening Session***

Opening Remarks

Honourable Rudyard Spencer, Minister of Health, Jamaica

Her Excellency Ambassador Sylvie Lucas, President, United Nations Economic and Social Council

Representatives of the Steering Committee

Mr. Thomas Stelzer, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination & Inter Agency Affairs, DESA

Dr. As Sy, Deputy Executive Director, UNAIDS

Dr. Socorro Gross, Assistant Director, PAHO/WHO

Ms. Laura López, Secretary of the Commission, ECLAC

Keynote Speaker – Honourable Andrew Holness, Minister of Education, Jamaica

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. *Coffee break*

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 p.m. **SESSION I HIV AND DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

This session sets the context for the entire programme of deliberations. The aim is to distill specific aspects of the challenges which HIV and AIDS present today, both from the development perspective and as a retrospective on the response of the Latin American and Caribbean region. Following the Feature Address, there will be a panel discussion comprising one representative from each of the following: a regional government, civil society, the private sector, and the international community. Following the presentations there will be a plenary session (allowing for an open discussion).

Chair: Sir George Alleyne - Secretary General's Special Envoy on HIV for the Caribbean and Director Emeritus of PAHO

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Feature Address - His Excellency Ignatius Karl Hood, Minister of Health Grenada

10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Panel I: Challenges of HIV as a Development Concern and the LAC Response

Mr. Jeffrey Lizardo, Senior Specialist in Health and Social Policies, Secretariat of State Economy, Planning and Development, Dominican Republic

Mr. Ruben Pecchio, Latin American Network of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS, Panama

Mr. Patrick Vincent, Managing Director, Foundation SOGEBANK, Haiti

Ms. Carole Ayoung, Executive Director, Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (CAIC)

Debate from the floor

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

SESSION II REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN THE RESPONSE TO HIV IN LAC

Findings of the progress review of the Latin American and Caribbean response to HIV will be presented in this session. The main purpose is to elicit factual information on key trends in the response to the epidemic and lessons learned, and to identify gaps in the response. Each area of focus of the report will be presented and followed by a panel discussion.

Chair: Dr Edward Greene, Assistant Secretary General, CARICOM Secretariat

Presentation of background document

Dr. César Núñez, Regional Director, UNAIDS Regional Support Team Latin America

1:45 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Panel II: Challenges and Solutions in the Response to HIV in LAC in reaching Universal Access goals

Ambassador Jesús Mario Chacón Carillo, Director-General of International Relations, Ministry of Education, Mexico – *Prevention response: Ministerial Declaration - Preventing through Education*/**Dr. José Antonio Izazola L.**, Director-General of the National Center for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, Ministry of Health, Mexico

Dr. Sheila Campbell Forrester, Chief Medical Office, Ministry of Health, Jamaica – *Treatment, Care and Support: Jamaica's response*

Mr. Jorge López, Organización de Apoyo a Una Sexualidad Integral Frente al SIDA (OASIS), Guatemala – *Stigma and Discrimination*

Dr. Miguel Fernández Galeano, Deputy Minister of Public Health, Uruguay, and President of CONASIDA-CCM – *The Institutional Response to HIV*

Debate from the floor

3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

SESSION III PRESENTATIONS OF BEST PRACTICES AND POLICIES IN THE RESPONSE TO HIV IN LAC

The objective of Session III is to provide information to guide further policy actions and areas for attention by the international community in the context of the Annual Ministerial Review.

Chair: Mr. Nils Kastberg, Regional Director, UNICEF

Dr. Mauro Teixeira de Figueiredo, Head of the Division for Technical Cooperation, Ministry of Health, Brazil – *‘Strategies and policies to be taken by governments to address the gaps in response to HIV in LAC’*

Ms. Elsa Ramirez, Office of Labour and Social Security, Honduras – *‘Intersectoral strategies and policies to address HIV in the workplace’*

Mr. Carl Brown, Executive Director, Pan Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS, CARICOM Secretariat – *‘Best practices in coordinating the Caribbean response’*

Dr. Robert Carr, Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition, Jamaica – *‘Policies and areas for attention by Civil Society’s participation in the national response’*

Ms. Roberta Clarke, UNIFEM Regional Representative for the Caribbean – *‘Strengthening prevention approaches through gender analysis’*

Debate from the floor

6.00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Cocktail reception – West Lawn

SATURDAY 6 JUNE 2009

8:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

SESSION IV IMPLICATIONS OF THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS FOR HIV AND HEALTH

Two inter-connected developments will be explored in this session. The first is the current global and regional financial and economic trends, the response of the LAC governments to the prevailing crisis, and the likely implications for grappling with HIV and Health needs. A second presentation will track Health/HIV expenditures and discuss the likely implications of reductions in national budgets and the erosion of gains brought about by the diversion of official development assistance.

Chair: Ms Laura López, Secretary of the Commission, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Mr. Neil Pierre, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean – *‘Key trends in the response of Governments to the global financial and economic crisis’*

Mr. Ginés González García, President, Latin American and Caribbean Association of Health Economics – *‘More Health for the Economy’*

Mr. Lelio Marmora, Regional Team Leader Latin America & the Caribbean, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria – *‘Flows for Financing HIV and Health’*

Dr. Socorro Gross, Assistant Director, PAHO/WHO - *‘Challenges in Financing a Sustained National Response to HIV’*

Discussion from the floor

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Coffee break

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

SESSION V FROM MONTEGO BAY TO GENEVA

Both HIV and chronic diseases share long-term requirements for prevention, treatment, care and support. The sharp rise in lifestyle-related diseases in the LAC region, among the general population, but particularly among children, has meant competing priorities in the regional health and development agenda. This session examines these competing priorities. A case will be made for a multisectoral approach that takes into account the various risk factors and social determinants of lifestyle-related diseases.

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Chair: **Dr. Wesley Hughes**, Director-General, Planning Institute of Jamaica

Sir George Alleyne, Secretary General's Special Envoy on HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean Region and Director Emeritus of PAHO – *'Balancing HIV with other Public Health Priorities'*

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Thomas Stelzer, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination & Inter Agency Affairs, DESA – *'Review of Summary and Conclusions – Key messages to be delivered to the Economic and Social Council and next steps to be taken in the region'*

12:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Final Plenary Discussion

12:30 p.m.

Close of Meeting

Her Excellency Ambassador Sylvie Lucas, President, United Nations Economic and Social Council

Dr. Grace Allen Young, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Jamaica

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