



United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS 8-10 June 2021, General Assembly Hall, UN Headquarters, New York

Day 1 Tuesday, 8 June 2021

10:00-11:00 OPENING PLENARY MEETING

Statements by:

- **H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir**, President of the 75th Session of the UN General Assembly
- **H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
- **Ms. Winnie Byanyima**, Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
- **Ms. Yana Panfilova**, person openly living with HIV, member of GNP+ Global Network of People Living with HIV
- **Ms. Charlize Theron**, eminent person actively engaged in the response to HIV/AIDS, UN Messenger of Peace, Founder of the Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project

Adoption of the political declaration.

11:00-13:00 General Debate

15:00-18:00 General Debate (*continued*)

Day 2 Wednesday, 9 June 2021

10:00-11:30 THEMATIC PANEL 1: Addressing inequalities to End AIDS: 10 Years to 2030

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Per Ohlsson Fridh**, Minister of International Development Cooperation, Sweden

Panelists:

- **H.E. Dr. Simon M. Zwane**, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health, Eswatini
- **Ms. Winnie Byanyima**, Executive Director, UNAIDS
- **Prof. Jeffrey D. Sachs**, Director of the Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University
- **Ms. Abhina Aher**, Trustee, The International Planned Parenthood Federation

Moderator:

- **Ms. Redi Tlhabi**, member, UN Global Journalists Corps

This panel will focus on the inequalities that drive the AIDS epidemic and prioritize people who are not yet accessing life-saving and comprehensive HIV related prevention and care services and consider what needs to be done to leave no one behind. Panelists will discuss science, data & evidence, best practices, diagnostics, new technologies and critical actions needed to advance HIV prevention and treatment, including for HIV/TB coinfection, as well as addressing Pediatric AIDS, care, and support.

The panel will examine the need to invest in comprehensive, rights-based HIV prevention, focusing on the populations in greatest need. Panelists will also discuss how to reinvigorate HIV testing, achieving the 95–95–95 testing and treatment targets, as well as the 10-10-10 targets for equitable, inclusive and reliable access to affordable, high-quality medicines, health commodities and technologies. The discussion will focus on getting back on track to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030, as a part of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Hybrid Format: One plus one representative per delegation present in the GA Hall, virtual panel speakers connecting live via *Interprefy*. Meeting will be broadcast live on UN WebTV. Interactive, moderated discussion with opportunity for questions and answers.

11:30-13:00 THEMATIC PANEL 2: Putting people and communities at the center of the response to AIDS

Chair:

- **H.E. Hon. Dr. Frank Anthony**, Minister of Health, Guyana

Panelists:

- **Dr. Taweesap Siraprapasiri**, Senior Expert on Preventive Medicine, and Director, Office of Global Fund Project Administration, Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
- **Ms. Natalia Kanem**, Executive Director, UNFPA
- **Ms. Vuyiseka Dubula-Majola**, Director of the Africa Centre for HIV/AIDS Management, Stellenbosch University
- **Ms. Baby Virgarose Nurmaya**, Affiliate representative, International Harm Reduction Association

Moderator:

- **Mr. Daouda Diouf**, Director, Enda TM

The panel will focus on communities of people living with and affected by HIV who are at the center of the HIV response, as leaders in the governance, decision-making, accountability and monitoring of the AIDS response, as well as in the development and implementation of HIV prevention and treatment services to the people most in need.

Panelists will discuss the opportunities and challenges for moving towards the Global AIDS targets and realizing political commitments and policy adaptations needed to support community-led responses as the world moves toward ending AIDS by 2030 and does so in the context of COVID-19.

The panel will address community-led, including women-led and key population-led, responses; new priorities emerging from the community-led response to COVID-19; and sustainable and adequately funded community-led HIV service delivery and prevention programs, including for women living with HIV and women from key and vulnerable populations.

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15:00-16:30 **THEMATIC PANEL 3: Resources and funding for an effective AIDS response**

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Ken Ofori-Atta**, Minister of Finance, Ghana

Panelists:

- **H.E. Dr. Veronique Kilumba**, Vice Minister of Health, Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Mr. Peter Sands**, Executive Director, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- **Mr. David Wilson**, Head of Pandemic and Health Security, World Bank
- **Ms. Adeeba Kamarulzaman**, President, International Aids Society

Moderator:

- **Mr. Jaime Atienza**, Chief of Health Financing, UNAIDS

The panel will consider how to reach a fully funded response to HIV in a challenging environment for health and development resources. Panelists will address how to invest in the right interventions, in the right places and populations, to meet the new global targets, with the SDG-3 (good health and well-being) as the focus of the response.

The panel will explore the use of HIV financing as a means for increased social spending and facilitate Universal Health Coverage (UHC) implementation on the rights based, people centered model of the HIV response and the need to address public funding of universal health coverage systems. Furthermore, the need to invest in societal enablers will be highlighted to achieve programme effectiveness, and the need to invest in emergency and pandemic responses. Panelists will also address the broader issues of debt relief, taxation, illicit flows and addressing sustainability and inequality.

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16:30-18:00 **General Debate (*continued*)**

Day 3 Thursday, 10 June 2021

10:00-11:30 **THEMATIC PANEL 4: Advancing Gender Equality and empowering women and girls in the AIDS response**

Chair:

- **H.E. Ms. Karina Gould**, Minister of International Development, Canada

Panelists:

- H.E. Ms. Monica Geingos, First Lady, Namibia
- **Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka**, Executive Director, UN Women
- **Ms. Nadine Gassman**, President, National Women's Institute of Mexico
- **Ms. Irene Ogeta**, Associate Program Officer, ATHENA

Moderator:

- **Ms. Shereen El Feki**, Director Regional Support Team for the Middle East and North Africa, UNAIDS

This panel will look at achieving the human rights of women and girls and addressing inequalities that drive the AIDS epidemic. Panelists will discuss how to address gender-based inequalities and gender-based violence and intersecting forms of discrimination and ways of addressing these in the AIDS response. Panelists will also discuss

advancing substantive gender equality, particularly with respect to health, including sexual and reproductive health and rights, education; economic rights of women and adolescent girls; and the role of men and boys in advancing substantive gender equality. Education will be used as an entry point to address HIV prevention in tandem with efforts to address gender-based violence and harmful gender norms, and to empower women and girls and draw on important linkages to the Generation Equality Forum.

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11:30-13:00 THEMATIC PANEL 5: Addressing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the AIDS response and building back better for pandemic preparedness

Chair:

- **Mr. Alexey Mazus**, Chief External Expert on HIV Infection, Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation

Panelists:

- **H.E. Dr. Zweli Lawrence Mkhize**, Minister of Health, South Africa
- **Ms. Gayle Smith**, Coordinator of the global COVID response and health security, Department of State, United States
- **Right Honourable Ms. Helen Clark**, Co-chair of the Independent Panel on Pandemic Preparedness and Response
- **Ms. Gracia Violeta Ross**, member, Bolivian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS

Moderator:

- **Ms. Tumi Makgabo**, Founder and Executive Director, AfricaWorldwide Media

The panel will examine how the response to HIV and COVID-19 can contribute to building multisectoral preparedness and response systems by intent through providing concrete examples of innovations, policy and structural changes introduced in the context of COVID-19. Panelists will address how to improve pandemic preparedness and response, including healthcare systems broadly in the pursuit of the SDGs.

Panelists will look at how innovation and technology can address bottlenecks to achieving SDG-3 (good health and well-being) through digital health infrastructure and agile, differentiated delivery models. The panel will address the importance of community-led responses in delivering health for all, as well as reflect on the importance of across and within country-solidarity in ensuring equitable access to health and socio-economic support.

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17:00-17:30 CLOSING SEGMENT

- Statements from the chairs of the panel discussions, presenting summaries of the discussions.