

Briefing to CSF

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**END INEQUALITIES.
END AIDS.**



High-Level Meeting on AIDS
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COMMITMENTS OF MEMBER STATES HAVE BEEN CRITICAL FOR HIV/AIDS RESPONSE

- **SDG 3** has a dedicated target: **End the epidemic of AIDS by 2030.**
- The 2016 Political Declaration therefore fostered a shared vision to:
 - Reduce new infections to fewer than 500,000 by 2020.
 - Reduce AIDS deaths to fewer than 500,000 by 2020.
 - Eliminate HIV stigma and discrimination by 2020.
- Significant but uneven progress, resulting in missing 2020 targets
 - Mainly due to Insufficient resources; inequalities; sub-optimal access to services (COVID-19 pandemic).
- **2021 HLM presents a unique opportunity to re-inforce strategies to address current gaps in the response and accelerate progress**
 - The new Global AIDS Strategy is centred around inequalities: Ending inequalities to end AIDS; with bold targets, including on social drivers.

HLM AND NEGOTIATION OF THE POLITICAL DECLARATION

- Currently negotiation of the third (and final?) version
 - To date, Political Declarations have been adopted by consensus
 - A silent procedure of adoption will be launched in the course of today
 - If broken, there will be further negotiations
 - This time, there may be voting
- Support so far for:
 - Ending AIDS; ending inequalities (beyond formulation of SDG 10); elimination of HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination
 - Nearly all targets: prevention, 95-95-95, community targets, tent.10-10-10.
 - USD 29bn, incl more funding for the HIV/AIDS response, GF and UNAIDS)
- Human rights-based and community-led being questioned
- No consensus on:
 - SOGI, SRHR and CSE unlikely to be accepted
 - TRIPS has become very important – possible trade-offs?

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Check on the positions taken by your countries (responses to second reading): <https://www.un.org/pga/75/wp-content/uploads/sites/100/2021/05/PGA-letter-political-declaration-HIVAIDS-Rev.2.pdf>
- Reach out to your own government to urge for high-level representation from Capital
- Advocate for your government to focus on the right issues during the final negotiations
- For governments with “trading” capacity, consider flexibility to bring the governments “with reservations” on board.
 - Often not related to HIV, but other issues e.g., invitation G7
- Consider a last social media push by CSF and other CSOs and networks.
- Lastly, UK funding cut – conservative rebels to force vote on reversing aid cuts ([bbc.co.uk/news/uk-57338465](https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-57338465))

LINKS TO UNAIDS MEDIA APPROACHES AND PACKAGES

- <https://trello.com/b/VDVDEu4W/high-level-meeting-on-aids-2021>
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/UNAIDS>
- [The HLM hashtag is #HLM2021AIDS.](#)