



## Media advisory

### NAIROBI PRESS CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH 2003 AIDS EPIDEMIC UPDATE

#### Speakers:

Dr. Kristan Schoultz, Country Coordinator, UNAIDS  
Dr. Peter Eriki, Representative, World Health Organization  
Dr. Patrick Orege, Acting Director, National AIDS Control Council (NACC)

-- Number of People Living with HIV Hits New Peak Across Southern Africa--

Press Conference, Tuesday, 25 November, 11.00 am  
at  
The Grand Regency Hotel, Marsabit Room

#### Participants will discuss key findings of the new report:

- Comprehensive new global and regional statistics on HIV/AIDS
- AIDS maintains stranglehold in sub-Saharan Africa
- Epidemic growing rapidly in many other regions
- Most infected individuals have yet to become ill; urgent need to expand access to antiretroviral treatment
- Major new prevention efforts, including measures to address HIV stigma and discrimination, are needed to slow spread of HIV/AIDS

**NB:** Information from the *AIDS Epidemic Update 2003* is embargoed until 25 November at 14.00 GMT

**World AIDS Day is on 1 December**