



Peter Piot
Executive Director

Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) since its creation in 1995 and Under Secretary-General of the United Nations. Under his leadership, UNAIDS has become the chief advocate for worldwide action against AIDS. It has brought together ten organizations of the United Nations system around a common agenda on AIDS. Dr Piot joined UNAIDS from a position as Associate Director of the Global Programme on AIDS of the World Health Organization. Dr Piot had previously served from 1980 to 1992 as Professor of Microbiology at the Institute for Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium, and at the University of Nairobi. During this period, he also launched and expanded a series of collaborative projects on AIDS in Africa in Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Tanzania and Zaire. In 1976, he became co-discoverer of the Ebola virus. He served as the President of the International AIDS Society from 1991 to 1994. Dr Piot holds a medical degree from the University of Ghent, and a PhD in microbiology from the University of Antwerp. He has received many awards for scientific achievement and public service, and has published over 500 articles and 15 books. He was awarded a baronetcy by H.M. King Albert II of Belgium in 1995.



Deborah Landey
Deputy Executive Director

Deborah Landey joined UNAIDS in 2005 as Deputy Executive Director. As such, she plays a key strategic role in supporting the Executive Director's leadership of UNAIDS Senior Management and in overseeing the programmatic and administrative functions of UNAIDS and its relationships with its U.N. and other international partners. The Canadian national first joined the United Nations in 1978. She has served in many capacities, including as U.N. Resident Coordinator in Botswana and the Philippines and Director of the U.N. Development Programme's Office of Human Resources and Deputy Assistant Administrator of its Bureau of Management. She holds a Master's Degree in International Affairs from Carleton University, Canada, and a Bachelor's Degree in History from the University of London.



Achmat Dangor
Director of Advocacy, Communication and Leadership

Achmat Dangor joined UNAIDS in 2004 as Director of Advocacy, Communications and Leadership. Before that, he was a Senior Fellow with Synergos Institute of New York, and Interim Director of the World AIDS Campaign. The South African national has headed several non-governmental development agencies, including the Kagiso Trust, the Independent Development Trust, the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund and the Nelson Mandela Foundation. He is the author of three novels, including "Bitter Fruit," which was a finalist for the 2004 Man Booker Prize, and "Kafka's Curse," which won the 1998 Herman Charles Bosman Prize. He has also published numerous poetry collections, short stories and filmscripts.



Paul De Lay
Director of Monitoring and Evaluation

As Director of Monitoring and Evaluation, Paul De Lay develops authoritative country-by-country estimates of the epidemic's extent and characteristics. He joined UNAIDS in 2003 from the US Agency for International Development, where he was Senior Advisor on HIV/AIDS and Chief of the HIV/AIDS Division. During eight of his 13 years as a practicing clinical physician, he was Medical Director of Refugee Medical Services for the City of San Francisco. From 1988 to 1993, he worked for the World Health Organization's Global Programme on AIDS, primarily in Malawi. He studied Medicine at the University of California and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



Kari Egge
Director of the Programme Support Group

Kari Egge joined UNAIDS in 2005 from United Nations Children's Fund, or UNICEF, where she was Representative in Iran. Before that, she was a UNICEF Senior Programme Officer in Uganda and Head of UNICEF community-based programmes in Tanzania. Before joining UNICEF, she held senior positions at the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation and Redd Barna (Save the Children, Norway). She also worked for Norwegian People's AID and Amnesty International. The Norwegian national holds a regional Mag. Art Degree in nutrition biology and education from various Norwegian colleges, a diploma in Development Studies from the University of Uppsala in Sweden and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts.



Purnima Mane
Director of Policy, Evidence and Partnerships

Purnima Mane joined UNAIDS from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, where she was Chief Fund Portfolio Director and Director, Asia. From 1999 to 2003, she worked with The Population Council, New York, where she later became Vice President and Director of International Programmes. In 1994, she joined the World Health Organization's Global Programme on AIDS, later moving to UNAIDS, where she provided oversight to the area of behavioural sciences research and gender and AIDS, managed the Executive Office and coordinated the UNAIDS budget and work planning process. The Indian national holds a Doctorate from the Tata Institute of Social Studies in Mumbai, where later she was Associate Professor.



Ben Plumley
Director of the UNAIDS Executive Office

Ben Plumley joined UNAIDS in 2000 as Policy and External Relations Adviser from pharmaceutical manufacturer Glaxo Wellcome, where he had worked since 1997 as Head of External Relations HIV. From 2001 to 2003, UNAIDS seconded him to the Global Business Coalition on HIV and AIDS to establish its new Headquarters in New York.



Michel Sidibe
Director of Country and Regional Support

Michel Sidibe joined UNAIDS in 2001 from the United Nations Children's Fund, or UNICEF, in Uganda, where he chaired the UN Theme Group on HIV/AIDS. He previously worked for the nongovernmental organization Terre des Hommes in his native Mali and for UNICEF in Zaire, Swaziland, New York and Burundi. He holds Graduate Degrees in Economics, Economics and International Development, and Geography and Social Planning from the University of Clermont-Ferrand, France.