



2006 High-level Meeting on AIDS

United Nations, New York 31 May – 2 June 2006

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Questions and answers

What is the High-level Meeting on AIDS?

The High-level Meeting on AIDS takes place as the world marks 25 years of AIDS. The summit will review the historic UN General Assembly Special Session on AIDS in 2001 to take stock of progress made in implementing the UN Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, blueprint for global action on AIDS.

In 2006, the General Assembly has called for two-day technical review (31 May – 1 June) and a high-level meeting (2 June). Participants include UN member states (including Heads of States and Heads of Governments), civil society, and UN organizations and other entities. The anticipated outcome will be a renewed commitment to the AIDS response through a Political Declaration signed by member states.

What are the objectives of the High-level Meeting on AIDS?

The three main objectives are to:

1. To review progress
2. To consider recommendations on reaching targets, including through the “towards Universal Access” process
3. To renew political commitment and the centrality of the Declaration of Commitment as a tool in the global AIDS response

What is the format of the High-level Meeting on AIDS?

Official sessions will include plenary sessions, an interactive Civil Society Hearing, panel discussions, roundtables, and a high-level meeting of the General Assembly. There will also be side events prior to the High-level Meeting. Other side events include exhibits, meetings and the launch of the UNAIDS 2006 Report on the global AIDS epidemic. Plans are underway to provide information through the UNAIDS web site as well as web casts of some of the events. Event details will be available at www.unaids.org

Who is attending the High-level Meeting on AIDS?

A wide range of people and organizations involved with the AIDS response will attend the High-level Meeting on AIDS including:

1. National delegations led by Heads of State/ Government or Ministers
2. Civil society organizations and individuals spearheading global and community based efforts in the response to AIDS
3. World business leaders



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4. Leading AIDS researchers
5. People living with HIV
6. AIDS advocates from the entertainment industry

What reports will be released at the High-level Meeting on AIDS

There are four major reports that will be released around the time of the High-level Meeting on AIDS.

1. The Secretary General's Report, which was distributed to UN member states, will highlight progress made by countries in reaching the 2005 global targets featured in the UN Declaration and prospects for reaching the Millennium Development Goal to reverse AIDS by 2015.
2. Towards universal access: assessment by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS on scaling up HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.
3. The release of the UNAIDS Report on the global AIDS epidemic – in-depth data for each country as well as the latest trends in the epidemic , to be launched on 30 May in NY
4. High-level meeting on 2 June with participation of Heads of State, who will adopt a political declaration on moving the AIDS response forward

How does a journalist cover the High-level Meeting on AIDS?

Journalists interested in covering the High-level Meeting on AIDS need to obtain UN accreditation. Please find instructions on the UN media accreditation web site.

<http://www.un.org/media/accreditation/require.htm>

How does an organization get involved with the High-level Meeting on AIDS?

Organizations went through a process that can be found on the UNAIDS website.

http://www.unaids.org/unaids_resources/images/UNGASS/20060328_CS0accreditation_Infonote_en.pdf

A full list of the organizations that have been accredited can be found at the following site.

http://www.unaids.org/unaids_resources/images/UNGASS/20060328_CS0accreditationList_en.pdf