



# 2006 High Level Meeting on AIDS

General Assembly, United Nations, New York

31 May - 2 June 2006

Uniting the world against AIDS

## World leaders to assess progress on AIDS response

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NEW YORK – The 2006 High Level Meeting on AIDS – to assess the international response to the epidemic -- will take place from 31 May to 2 June at the United Nations. More than a dozen Heads of State and Government and over 100 Ministers are expected to attend, as well as more than a thousand representatives of civil society and the private sector.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan will present a report on progress achieved in realizing the targets agreed by UN Member States in the historic Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, adopted in 2001 at the UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS.

The meeting will also identify common challenges to scaling-up and sustaining national AIDS responses. Member States will consider recommendations on how to scale-up HIV prevention, treatment, care and support with the aim of coming as close as possible to the goal of universal access to treatment by 2010 for all those who need it.

Almost 800 civil society groups have been granted special accreditation to the meeting, an unprecedented number for such a gathering, and many more are expected to attend as part of organizations already accredited to the UN or as part of national delegations. A hearing will be held to provide an opportunity for civil society to exchange views with Member States.

For the first time, a person living with HIV will address the General Assembly plenary. Other speakers include the President of the General Assembly, Jan Eliasson; the UN Secretary-General and the Executive Director of UNAIDS, Dr. Peter Piot.

The 2006 High Level Meeting on AIDS will feature a series of panel discussions as well as roundtables on a range of critical topics, including financing a scaled-up AIDS response and overcoming stigma and discrimination. Building on these discussions, a political declaration will be adopted at the close of the meeting on 2 June.

*An Evening of Remembrance and Hope: Uniting the World Against AIDS*, will take place 1 June in the General Assembly Hall. The event will remember the 25 years of AIDS and the heroes who have shaped the AIDS response. Speakers include Noerine Kaleeba, Naomi Watts, Iryna Borisheck, Mary Fisher and Whoopi Goldberg. The event will also include performances by Wyclef Jean, Salman Ahmad, the African Children's Choir and Angelique Kidjo. A photo opportunity and press conference have been tentatively scheduled to precede the event.

For more information on the 2006 High Level Meeting on AIDS, see [www.un.org/ga/aidsmeeting2006](http://www.un.org/ga/aidsmeeting2006)

### Media accreditation

Journalists interested in attending the High Level Meeting on AIDS must be accredited to the UN. For information on accreditation, please visit <http://www.un.org/media/accreditation/>.

### Media centre

A media centre will be available for journalists during the High Level Meeting on AIDS at the UN. The room will be equipped with Wi-fi Internet service. A limited number of computers and printers will also be available. There will be television monitors carrying live proceedings on closed-circuit television.

### Media Contacts

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### Media Programme

All events open to media unless otherwise specified.

For media access to GA Hall booths inquire at the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (+1 212 963 6934) or Media Centre info desk

Day	Time	Event / topic / Venue	Venue	Participants	Contact
<b>MON 29 May</b>	0900 – 1700	Youth Summit Day 1 (continues Tues.)	UNFPA, News Building, 42 <sup>nd</sup> St	Invited youth delegates	Advocates for Youth, UNFPA

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<b>TUES 30 May</b>	1100 – 1200	<b>Press conference -- Global Report Launch</b>	UN HQ Room 226	UNAIDS Executive Director Peter Piot	UNAIDS S. Barton-Knott <a href="mailto:bartonknotts@unaids.org">bartonknotts@unaids.org</a> +1 917 379 6948

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	1200 – 1300	Unveiling of Red Ribbon	UN HQ North Lawn area	UN staff	UNAIDS S. Barton-Knott bartonknotts@unai ds.org +1 917 379 6948
	1800 - 1900	Interfaith Service	St Bart's Cathedral 51 <sup>st</sup> and Park Av	Speakers include GA president	Sara Speicher Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance Tel: +44 1524 727 651 sspeicher@e- alliance.ch

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<b>WED 31 May</b>	<b>0900 – 0930</b>	<b>Opening Plenary Meeting</b>	GA Hall	Speakers include GA President, UN Secretary- General	See Media Contacts
	<b>0945</b>	<b>Media stake-out to follow outside GA Hall</b>			
	1000 – 1300	<b>Informal interactive civil society hearing</b>	UN HQ  Conf Rm 2	Civil society representatives, Member States, UN entities, Global Fund	Office of the President of the General Assembly and UNAIDS NYO
	1100 – 1200	Partnership Event with the National Basketball Association	TBA	Invited	UNICEF Ms Thilly De Bodt Tel: (212) 326 7453 tdebodt@unicef.org
	12.45 – 13.15	<b>Press Conference – opening of review</b>	UN HQ  Rm 226	UNAIDS Exec Director Peter Piot, Global Fund Director Richard Feachem	UNAIDS S. Barton-Knott bartonknotts@unai ds.org +1 917 379 6948
	13.15 – 13.45	<b>Press Conference, Global Fund</b>	UN HQ Rm 226	SG Spec Envoy. Stephen Lewis, Elizabeth Mataka, Coalition of People Living with AIDS in Zambia	The Global Fund, Jon Liden, jon.liden@theglobal fund.org +41 79 244 6006
	1400 – 1500	Film Showing & Panel discussion "Wake Up"	Library Auditorium		UNFPA Christian Delsol delsol@unfpa.org
	1500 – 1600	<b>Press conference – Global Business Council on HIV/AIDS</b>	UN HQ  RM 226	GBC Exec Director Richard Holbrooke	UNAIDS S. Barton-Knott , bartonknotts@unai ds.org +1 917 379 6948
	<b>1500 – 1800</b>	<b>Panel #1 Breaking the cycle of</b>	UN HQ  Conf Rm 2	Delegates	WFP Sarah Rossmann, Tel: 917 367 0068

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		<b>HIV infection for sustainable AIDS responses</b>			rossmanns@un.org Support: UNESCO
		<b>Panel #2</b>  <b>Overcoming health worker shortages and other health systems and social sector constraints to the movement towards universal access to treatment</b>	UN HQ  Conf Rm 4	Delegates	WHO Anne Winter Tel: +41 794 406 011 Email: wintera@who.int  Ms Fatima Khan Tel: 212 963 6002 khan37@UN.org Support: UNODC

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<b>THURS</b> <b>1 June</b>	<b>1000 – 1300</b>	<b>Panel #3</b> <b>Ending the increased feminization of AIDS</b>	UN HQ  Conf Rm 2	Delegates	UNFPA Lynn Collins (212) 297 5138 collins@unfpa.org Support: UNHCR, UNIFEM
		<b>Panel #4</b>  <b>Sustainable and predictable financing for scaled-up AIDS responses</b>	UN HQ  Conf Rm 4		World Bank Olivia Elee +1.202.458.7318 oelee@worldbank.org Support: UNICEF, Global Fund
		<b>Panel #5</b>  <b>Overcoming stigma and discrimination and changing the way societies respond to people living with HIV</b>	UN HQ  ECOSOC		UNDP Nadia Rasheed Tel: (212) 906 5052 nadia.rasheed@undp.org Support: ILO
	1315 – 1445	"Love in Time of AIDS". film premier and discussion (56 minute length)	UN HQ  Conf Rm 2	Open	UNHCR Lena Hothes Tel. 646 289 1923 hothes@unhcr.org
	1400 – 1600	Parliamentarians Caucus	UN HQ. Conf Rm 6 Bk: 1583	P Piot Invited dignitaries, resource persons	UNDP Nadia Rasheed Tel: (212) 906 5052 nadia.rasheed@undp.org
	<b>1600 – 1800</b>	<b>Plenary - Summary of the discussions over the past two days</b>	<b>GA Hall</b>	<b>Delegations</b>	See Media Contacts
	2000 – 2200	<b>"An Evening of Remembrance and Hope: Uniting the World Against AIDS"</b> Photo opportunity ahead of time (TBC)	GA Hall	<b>Participants include Naomi Watts, Whoopi Goldberg, Wyclef Jean, Angélique Kidjo</b>	UNAIDS S. Barton-Knott bartonknotts@unaidso.org +1 917 379 6948

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<b>FRI 2 June</b>	<b>0900 – 1300</b>	<b>High Level Meeting</b>	GA Hall	<b>Opening speakers include GA President, UN SG</b>	See Media Contacts
	<b>1500 – 1800 (to continue in evening)</b>	<b>High Level Meeting and adoption of Political Declaration</b>	GA Hall	<b>Delegations</b>	See Media Contacts