

Statement

Tragic death of leading AIDS advocate Professor Job Bwayo

Geneva, 7 February 2007 – One of Kenya's leading scholars and renowned AIDS advocate and researcher, Professor Job Bwayo was killed during a shooting in the outskirts of Nairobi on Sunday 4 February.

Professor Bwayo, a distinguished and accomplished scientist, was co-founder and director of the Kenya AIDS Vaccine Initiative (KAVI) in Nairobi, Kenya.

UNAIDS Executive Director, Dr Peter Piot, said, "It is a sad loss, I knew Professor Bwayo personally, he was an early leader in the AIDS response in Kenya and Africa and his tireless work to find an HIV vaccine has inspired many in the field."

Professor Bwayo was a frequent lecturer at the University of Nairobi and former chairman of the Department of Medical Microbiology, College of Health Sciences. He also served as co-director of the Regional AIDS Training Network for STD/AIDS and as a senior member of the World Health Organization Collaborative Centre for STD/HIV Research Training.

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