UNAIDS Strategy 2016-2021:
Development process and opportunities for stakeholder engagement

Updating and extending the UNAIDS Strategy

Inspired by unprecedented progress over the last several years, the international AIDS community, including the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB), has embraced the ambition of ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. To get there, the PCB has requested that 2011-2015 UNAIDS Strategy be updated and extended for the 2016-2021 period to guide progress towards several ambitious “Fast-Track” targets.

Fast-Tracking the response will rely on front-loading investments and accelerating rights-based action in the coming years – while accounting for a rapidly shifting geopolitical context and evolving HIV epidemic. It will also mean fundamentally changing the way the response supports those populations that continue to be left behind – as explored in depth in the UNAIDS Gap Report.

Quickening the pace over the next six years is pivotal to global prospects for bringing the AIDS epidemic to an end. Continuing at the current pace will mean continuing to leave people behind, exacerbating inequalities, unsustainably expanding costs and compromising social justice. An ambitious global strategy is required to take us forward – one that mobilizes political commitment, focuses resources and accelerates progress.

An inclusive, multistakeholder consultation process

The UNAIDS Strategy 2016-2021, as well as the Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework (UBRAF) will be developed through an inclusive process. The process will include multistakeholder consultations at the regional and global levels, in-person and online. Interested stakeholders will have several opportunities to influence the Strategy and UBRAF through the course of its development.

1) Regional consultations

All UNAIDS Regional Support Teams will lead consultations in their regions which will inform a Global Consultation in Geneva on April 22-23. A discussion paper (attached) has been developed to serve as a starting point to kick off discussions.

Asia & Pacific

- Completed. 30th January; Bangkok, Thailand. This consultation took place in the framework of an intergovernmental meeting on AIDS convened by ESCAP which brought together representatives of member states, civil society, young people and Cosponsors. For more information contact Pradeep Kakkattil KakkattilP@unaids.org

Middle East & North Africa

- 11th March; Cairo, Egypt. This consultation, in partnership with the League of Arab States, will bring together representatives of member states, civil society and governments. For more information contact Yamina Chakkar ChakkarY@unaids.org
Caribbean

- 16th March; Kingston, Jamaica. This event will bring together participants representing CARICOM and OECS member states, the judiciary, academia, the private sector, civil society, young people and Cosponsors. For more information contact Ernest Massiah MassiahE@unaids.org

Eastern & Southern Africa

- 23rd March; Johannesburg, South Africa. For more information contact Pierre Somse somsep@unaids.org

Western & Central Africa

- 1st-2nd April; Dakar, Senegal. For more information contact Leopold Zekeng ZekengL@unaids.org

Eastern Europe & Central Asia

- 9th April; Minsk, Belarus. UNAIDS will facilitate regional consultation on the Strategy for partners in EECA, in partnership with the Government of Belarus. For more information contact Vinay P. Saldanha saldanhavp@unaids.org

Latin America

- Week of 23rd February; Panama City, Panama. This consultation will engage Cosponsors and representatives of Think Tanks. For more information contact César Nunez nunezc@unaids.org
- 11th-13th March; WebEx virtual consultation. The regional office will host an online consultation to engage government, civil society and regional and international stakeholders. For more information contact César Nunez nunezc@unaids.org

North America

- 13th March; Washington DC, United States. UNAIDS U.S. Liaison office will convene a consultation with U.S. civil society and other key stakeholders from the policy and advocacy community. For more information contact Lisa Cartycartyl@unaids.org
- 18th March; New-York, United States. The UNAIDS New York Office will convene a consultation to canvas inputs from a wide range of stakeholders. For more information contact Simon Bland blands@unaids.org

Countries in Western Europe

- 26th – 27th March; Montreux, Switzerland. For more information contact Morten Ussing ussingm@unaids.org
2) Virtual Consultations

UNAIDS will launch global virtual consultations to encourage meaningful discussions on a number of issues, including with stakeholders who might otherwise not be reached. The global virtual consultations will contribute to a global Strategy owned by the people whose lives it will influence.

Two consultations are foreseen:

- **23rd – 27th March, in parallel with regional consultations:** This consultation will pose three discussion topics to which participants can input at any point over the five days. Participants will be introduced to latest thinking on an emerging strategic framework – built upon the Three Strategic Directions of the UNAIDS Strategy 2011-2015, and complemented by the five cross-cutting I’s (Information, Integration, Innovation, Inclusion and Investment).

- **July, following the June PCB meeting:** A moderated discussion on the draft Strategy.

To participate in the virtual consultation visit: www.unaidsstrategy2021.org

3) Global Consultations

A Global Multistakeholder Consultation will be held in Geneva at UNAIDS HQ on 22-23 April. It will review inputs from regional and virtual consultations and make recommendations on updating and extending the UNAIDS Strategy.

A second Global Multistakeholder Consultation will be held at UNAIDS HQ on 3 July to discuss UNAIDS 2016-2021 Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework

UNAIDS Strategy Development Process Webpage

As part of UNAIDS commitment to transparency and accountability, a dedicated page on the UNAIDS.org site will be created and regularly updated with the latest developments and upcoming opportunities for engagement.

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