

21 April 2021

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I have the honour to refer to the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS, to be held from 8 to 10 June 2021 at United Nations Headquarters, in New York, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/260 entitled “Organization of the 2021 high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS”.

As previously conveyed in my letter of 9 April 2021, the informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing will be hosted on the remote simultaneous interpretation platform Interpretify on Friday, 23 April 2021, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and will be webcast live and on demand on United Nations Web TV. The concept note and final programme of the meeting are hereby attached. I look forward to your active participation in the hearing.

I have the further honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 21 April 2021 from H.E. Mr. Mitchell Fifield, Permanent Repr

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Concept Note

Interactive Multi-Stakeholder Hearing as part of the preparatory process for the 2021 High-level meeting on HIV/AIDS

Friday, 23 April 2021

Background

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 75/260, a high-level meeting (HLM) on HIV/AIDS will be convened from 8 to 10 June 2021, in the General Assembly Hall, at the UN Headquarters, in New York. The HLM will undertake a comprehensive review of the progress on the commitments made in the 2016 Political Declaration towards ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030, and how the response, in its social, economic and political dimensions, continues to contribute to progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the global health goal. The high-level meeting will provide recommendations to ew at the

best practices, lessons learned, obstacles and gaps, challenges and opportunities, as identified by civil society organizations and other stakeholders working in the field.

Panelists will discuss their key priorities for the high-level meeting, while generating shared understanding of epidemic priorities, oge(i)-un(t)-4(i)6(es)-3(,)110(pr) goes s ao311(f)-3()-10(epi4(he)9(i)-10

The four moderated panels will feature four speakers each (3 minutes interventions), representing diverse geographical, gender, identity and community realities, and both people living with and affected by HIV. The provisional themes for the panels are:

- 1) Equitable and equal access to HIV prevention, treatment and services
- 2) Structural and social barriers to achieving HIV outcomes (zero new HIV infections, zero AIDS-related deaths, and zero discrimination)
- 3) Fully resource and sustain efficient HIV responses and integrate into systems for health, development, social protection, humanitarian settings and pandemic responses
- 4) Bringing it together: building synergies and addressing critical gaps

Outcome

The outcome will be a summary by the President of General Assembly which will be circulated to all Member States and other stakeholders and posted on the PGA's website (<https://www.un.org/pga/75>) prior to the high-level meeting in June 2021.

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as part of the preparatory process for the 2021 High-level meeting on HIV/AIDS

Final Programme
Friday, 23 April 2021

Opening segment

09:00-09:30

Statements by:

H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir, President of the 75th session of the General Assembly

H.E. Mr. Neville Gertze, Permanent Representative of Namibia to the UN, Co-facilitator on the preparations for the 2021 High- Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS

Moderator:

Ms. Oratile Moseki, Frontline AIDS, Botswana

Panelists:

Ms. Kaythi Winn, Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers, Myanmar

Ms. Maria Phelan, Robert Carr Fund