

PRESS RELEASE

UNAIDS welcomes Gunilla Carlsson as new Deputy Executive Director, Management and Governance

GENEVA, 12 December 2017—United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed Gunilla Carlsson as the new UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director, Management and Governance, and Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations.

“Gunilla Carlsson is known for her dynamic leadership and deep knowledge of the issues,” said UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibé. “She is not a business-as-usual leader. I know her innovative approach and extensive network will be critical in taking UNAIDS to the next level.”

Ms Carlsson served as an elected member of the Swedish Parliament from 2002 to 2013 and as Minister for International Development Cooperation from 2006 to 2013. She also served as an elected member of the European Parliament from 1995 to 2002.

A strong leader in global health and development, Ms Carlsson was a member of the UNAIDS and Lancet Commission: Defeating AIDS—Advancing Global Health and a member of the World Bank Gender Advisory Council and served on the United Nations High-Level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. Currently, she is a senior adviser to the African Development Bank and serves on the board of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, as Vice-Chair.

Ms Carlsson will assume her new role in early 2018. She succeeds Jan Beagle, who was appointed United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Management in June 2017.

“I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to Joel Rehnstrom for serving UNAIDS as Acting Deputy Executive Director,” added Mr Sidibé.

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