

MEDIA ADVISORY

UNAIDS at the 71st World Health Assembly

During the 71st World Health Assembly, UNAIDS will be organizing and participating in a number of important events as part of UNAIDS' continued efforts to strengthen partnerships and advocate for a Fast-Track response to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030.

Below are some of the events that UNAIDS will be engaging in.

Saturday, 19 May

- Event** **Cervical cancer: a noncommunicable disease we can overcome**
- Date** 19 May 2018, 13:15–16:15
- Where** Hotel Intercontinental, Geneva
- Overview** The objective of the round table is to catalyse access to new financial and technical opportunities towards eliminating cervical cancer as a public health concern by 2030. It will highlight success factors, particularly from African countries facing the highest burden of this disease. Participants include ministers, development partners and implementers.
- Speakers** **Chair: Michelle Bachelet**, former President of Chile
- Keynotes: Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director-General of the World Health Organization, and **Isaac Adewole**, Minister of Health of Nigeria
- Michel Sidibé**, Executive Director of UNAIDS
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Monday, 21 May

- Event** **Primary health care and universal health coverage—the effectiveness of community health workers**
- Date** 21 May 2018, 12:30–14:00
- Where** Palais des Nations, Room XXIV
- Overview** During the event, representatives of United Nations Member States, experts and partners will promote evidence and experiences on the contributions of community health-care workers to primary health care and universal health coverage, with emphasis on the health policy and systems considerations.

Speakers **Graça Machel**, founder of the Graça Machel Trust
Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization
Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of UNAIDS
Ministers from Ecuador, Ethiopia, Norway, United Republic of Tanzania
Civil society representative

Host Governments of Ethiopia and Ecuador

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Tuesday, 22 May

Event **Towards universal coverage with HIV prevention services and commodities—the Global HIV Prevention Coalition and Road Map**

Date 22 May 2018, 12:30–14:00

Where Palais des Nations, Room XXIV

Overview Member States of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition will present progress made since the inauguration of the coalition in October 2017 and will discuss HIV prevention as a critical component of universal health coverage. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for new countries to express commitments to primary HIV prevention and join the coalition.

Host Co-hosted by Kenya and Zimbabwe

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Event **International conference on access to quality medicines in francophone Africa**

Date 22 May 2018, 13:00–19:00

Where **13:00–14:30, High-level luncheon**, UNAIDS
14:30–16:15, Experts meeting, UNAIDS, Kofi A. Annan Conference Room
17:00–19:00, High-level segment, Palais des Nations, Salle XX
19:15, Reception, Palais des Nations, Bar Serpent

Overview The international conference is being held to share information around access to quality medicines in francophone Africa and will include discussions on the distribution and production of medicines.

Hosts Organisation internationale de la francophonie/UNAIDS/WHO

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Wednesday, 23 May

Event	West and central Africa ministerial meeting on addressing the negative impact of user fees on access to AIDS services, increasing inequities and affecting the right to health
Date	23 May 2018, 13:00–14:00
Where	TBC
Overview	User charges at health facilities impede access to HIV and health services, particularly maternal care and HIV testing and treatment—increasing morbidity and mortality and impoverishing entire households. Vulnerable groups are the most affected and the detrimental effect of user fees is not only slowing progress towards the Fast-Track Targets but more importantly increasing inequities and affecting the right to health. Leadership to mobilize partners and change policies is central to defining the next steps towards identifying country-tailored solutions to move away from user fees.
Speakers	Deborah Birx , United States Global AIDS Coordinator and Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy Michel Sidibé , Executive Director of UNAIDS Peter Sands , Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria WHO representative With contributions from the Health Ministers of Burundi, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Nigeria
Hosts	UNAIDS, PEPFAR, the Global Fund, WHO
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Thursday, 24 May

Event	Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) ministerial meeting
Date	24 May 2018, 8:00–9:30
Where	UNAIDS, Kofi A. Annan Conference Room
Overview	ECOWAS health ministers will come together to strengthen their common understanding of addressing the health needs of the ECOWAS region. Topics under discussion will include: innovative strategies for reducing maternal and child mortality; development of quality standards and charter marks for centres of excellence; medicines and vaccines—regional production and quality; improving the prevention and control of noncommunicable and communicable diseases; and health information.
Host	West African Health Organization
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