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Follow-up to the thematic segment  
from the 57th PCB meeting

*Beyond 2025, Long-acting  
antiretrovirals: potential to close HIV  
prevention and treatment gaps*

58TH PCB MEETING: AGENDA ITEM 3

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## Background to the 57th PCB Thematic Segment

The theme for a thematic segment titled: **Beyond 2025: Long-acting antiretrovirals - potential to close HIV prevention and treatment gaps**, was agreed by the 55th PCB meeting in December, on recommendation of the PCB bureau.

[Agenda item 7 decision point 9.1b]


The thematic session served

*“ to highlight the transformative potential of recent innovations in long-acting injectable antiretroviral medicines for accelerating the global effort to eliminate AIDS as a public health crisis; respond to the interest, concerns and information needs of stakeholders in the global HIV response; and propose actionable recommendations and pathways for concerted efforts to ensure equitable, affordable, and sustained access to new long-acting antiretrovirals”*

# Available related documents

Agenda item 10 UNAIDS/PCB (57)/25.37

**BACKGROUND NOTE**  
**Beyond 2025: Long-acting antiretrovirals—the potential to close HIV prevention and treatment gaps**

 **UNAIDS** 16–18 December 2025 | Brasilia, Brazil  
UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board  
Issue date: 27 November 2025

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**THEMATIC SEGMENT CASE STUDIES**  
**Beyond 2025 – Long acting antiretrovirals: potential to close HIV prevention and treatment gaps**

 **UNAIDS** 16–18 December 2025 | Brasilia, Brazil  
UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board  
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**FOLLOW-UP TO THE THEMATIC SEGMENT FROM THE 57TH PCB MEETING**  
**Beyond 2025: Long-acting antiretrovirals: potential to close HIV prevention and treatment gaps**

 **UNAIDS** 30 June–2 July 2026 | Geneva, Switzerland  
UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board  
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## Session Summary

Hybrid session, on 18th December 2025, co-moderated by WHO and UNAIDS Secretariat

Invited speakers included: leaders from UNAIDS Joint Programme, governments, civil society and community, implementing partners, funders, research and public health experts, and pharmaceutical industry

Three keynote addresses & scene setting presentations emphasized the **potential of long-acting antiretroviral medicines** for overcoming gaps in HIV prevention and treatment; the **essential role of community engagement and community leadership**; the necessity of **adequate ambition** in setting targets for roll out; and the **critical partnerships and policy reforms** to ensure affordable equitable sustained access.

Two themed panel discussions explored:

- Perspectives on long-acting ARVs
- Planning for access. What will it take?

## Recommendations for PCB decision-making

- A collective effort of the UNAIDS Joint Programme, Member States, civil society, parliamentarians, industry, and the scientific community is needed to ensure equitable access to long-acting agents for HIV prevention and HIV treatment
- Advance strategies to scale up long-acting pre-exposure prophylaxis as part of comprehensive prevention programmes underpinned by a gender-transformative community-led, human rights-based approach in high HIV incidence populations and locations
- Expedite further and continued development and access to long-acting agents for HIV treatment. Long-acting agents for HIV therapy are safe, effective, well tolerated, and have great potential for individual and population-wide benefits, including optimal virologic suppression and improved mental and physical well-being of people living with HIV.

## Recommendations for PCB decision-making

Equitable sustainable access can be achieved through:

- Setting ambitious targets matched to projected demand
- Supportive national policies, guidelines, regulatory processes, and person-centered differentiated service delivery approaches
- Robust partnerships with affected communities in programme and policy design, implementation and accountability tracking
- Attention to and action on reform of laws and policies that hinder access, including criminalization, partner consent, and age-of-access laws, as well as norms-based structural barriers

## Recommendations for PCB decision-making

Equitable sustainable access can be achieved through:

- Adoption of policies that foster public health-oriented management of intellectual property rights
- Full utilization of World Trade Organization TRIPS flexibilities to secure access to global public goods for HIV and other disease, and protect public health
- Use of existing and potential new pooled procurement mechanisms to support accurate demand forecasting and market shaping, negotiation of lower prices; and continued, accelerated national regulatory approvals
- Explorations of local/regional manufacturing capacities and technology transfer mechanisms for long-acting products, alongside investments in quality-assurance and supply chain security

**57th PCB Meeting**  
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