

# **Follow-up to the thematic segment from the 33rd PCB: HIV, adolescents and youth**

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# Framing the thematic segment on youth

1. Youth centred format for open dialogue
2. The four key components of the day
  - **'Walk in my shoes'**: with four young people living with HIV.
  - **Successful HIV prevention** for young people
  - Scaling up **HIV testing** among young people
  - Improving access and adherence to **treatment** for young people living with HIV

# Conclusions

- Evidence informed HIV programmes work and must be scaled up to have impact
- Existing programmes must be made more sensitive to the needs of adolescents
- Parental consent laws and policies are a barrier to access including HIV testing and counselling, harm reduction and treatment

# Conclusions continued

- Youth participation through the full programme development cycle can lead to more effective programmes
- Very limited data available in relation to adolescents aged 10 – 19, young key populations and young people living with HIV
  - Routine data disaggregated by age and sex
  - Investment in research for adolescents and young key populations
  - Clarify research protocol guidelines for involving under 18s recognizing the evolving capacity of adolescents