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Dear colleagues,

The UNAIDS Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (MERG) is an independent global body of experts that leads M&E thinking and provides advice in matters related to M&E of the global AIDS response. One of the MERG's key functions is to harmonize M&E approaches, including work related to indicators. At the first MERG meeting of the re-established MERG in Glion 20-21 November 2012 it was decided that the MERG should create a standing Indicator Working Group (WG). The MERG Indicator WG will be supported in matters of specific interest by an expanded membership, assembled on a temporary basis to conduct specific activities. This larger group constitutes an indicator-specific MERG Network.

The MERG Indicator WG will, under the auspices of the MERG, coordinate and make recommendations on indicator development, revisions, and reviews. The purpose of the group is to:

- Increase the quality of data through the development of clear, collectable, meaningful indicators
- Provide support to countries to ensure appropriate data are available for understanding the epidemic and the response, while also reducing the burden imposed by donors and partners on countries through the alignment of indicators
- Improve the use of data by ensuring that data are easily available and used by countries and other partners

To re-constitute an Indicator Working Group, the MERG is now looking for suitable members of the group. Please find attached the Terms of Reference for the Indicator WG for more information about the mandate, structure and membership.

Members should meet the following criteria:

- Expertise and experience in relevant field for Indicator work related to monitoring and evaluation of the AIDS epidemic.
- Appropriate level of professional seniority and standing.

The group of members should ideally meet the following criteria:

- Balanced representation of constituencies, including balanced stakeholder, professional, geographic, and gender representation
- Representation of key organizations/institutions relevant for the Indicator WG

If you think you fulfil the criteria for membership in the MERG Indicator WG and you would like to be part of the group, please fill out the attached application, and submit the form along with a current CV to MERGindicatorWG@unaids.org. **The deadline for application is 28 February, 2013.**



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A selection panel will review the applications; the final decision regarding membership of the Indicator WG will be taken by the MERG.

Welcome with your application.

Yours sincerely

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