



INFORMATION UPDATE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON HIV/AIDS

New York, 2 June 2005

A high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 2 June 2005. The meeting will provide an opportunity for an interim technical review of the 2005 goals set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS adopted by the General Assembly Special Session on June 27, 2001. The Declaration serves as a blueprint for action at country level.

In addition, the June 2005 meeting will contribute to the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly to be held from 14 to 16 September 2005 to review inter alia, the goals set out in the United Nations Millennium Declaration.

For the upcoming 2 June 2005 meeting, the UN Secretary General [has released a report](#) that highlights the overall progress made in meeting the 2005 UNGASS targets. This report can be viewed on the UNAIDS website.

A more comprehensive report, featuring end 2005 country data, will be issued in time for the next high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS scheduled for the sixtieth session of the General Assembly in 2006.

Programme

Official Meetings

Opening Plenary

A plenary meeting of the General Assembly will be held from 10:00 to 10:45am on 1 June. Statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary General of the United Nations and the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) will set the context for the day's discussions.

Round Tables

Thereafter a series of round tables will be held, giving member states, observers, multilateral agencies and civil society representatives the opportunity to discuss vital aspects of the response to HIV/AIDS.

Composition of the Round Tables

Every effort has been made to ensure equitable geographical representation in each round table, taking into account HIV prevalence rates and levels of development.

In order to maximise interactive and substantive discussion, participation has been limited to a maximum of forty five, including member state representatives, observers, multilateral agencies and civil society (maximum of 5). Participants will be encouraged to engage in open discussion and to focus on progress made, challenges and opportunities.

A Member State representative nominated by each of the five regional groups will chair each round table, with the support of the executive heads of UNAIDS, its cosponsoring agencies and the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The chairpersons of the round tables will submit summaries of the round table discussions to the President of the General Assembly for submission to the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly in September, 2005.

Roundtable Schedule

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm:

- Round table on prevention.
- Round table on HIV/AIDS and human rights with an emphasis on Gender.
- Round table on Resources.

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm:

- Round table on treatment, care and support.
- Round table on children orphaned and made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS.

Closing Plenary

A closing plenary of the General Assembly will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall during which the President of the General Assembly will present a summary of the round table discussions based on the chairpersons' summaries of each round table.

Entry to the Plenary and Round Table Sessions

Access to the conference rooms for the round tables is restricted. More details on passes for delegates can be obtained by visiting the [UNAIDS website](#).

Side events

Various organisations have planned a number of side events on the preceding day (1 June 2005) and on the following day (3 June 2005). Details are attached and updates can be obtained on the [UNAIDS website](#).

Noteworthy is the special consultation being organised by civil society organisations (10am – 6pm June 1, 2005, The Helmsley Hotel). Civil society organisation that have not received invitations and that wish to attend can contact the organisers at maryannt@icaso.org