

PRESS STATEMENT

UNAIDS welcomes the announcement of Gilbert Fossoun Hougbo as President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development

GENEVA, 20 February 2017—UNAIDS extends its congratulations to Gilbert Fossoun Hougbo, former Prime Minister of Togo, who has been newly appointed as President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

“Mr Hougbo’s dynamic approach to leadership and his wealth of experience will be critical to strengthening the link between food and nutrition and good health, which is particularly important for people living with HIV,” said Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of UNAIDS. “Mr Hougbo’s commitment to ensuring equality and creating opportunity are shared values and we look forward to working closely together to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.”

Through his many high-level postings within government and the United Nations system, Mr Hougbo has worked to ensure that no one is left behind by providing support in areas ranging from good governance and peacebuilding to eradicating poverty and responding to HIV.

UNAIDS looks forward to working with Mr Hougbo in his new role, in which he will be supporting and empowering rural people to reduce poverty, increase food security, improve nutrition and strengthen resilience, all of which are essential elements to an effective response to HIV.

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