

PRESS STATEMENT

Ghana pledges US\$ 200 000 to UNAIDS

GENEVA, 3 July 2017—Ghana has pledged US\$ 200 000 to support the work of UNAIDS. The pledge was made at the close of the 40th meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB), which was held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 27 to 29 June 2017.

Speaking in his role as Chair of the PCB for 2017, the Minister of Health of Ghana, Kwaku Agyeman-Manu, said, “Through our pledge we demonstrate our willingness to contribute to the fight against the disease.”

The contribution makes Ghana one of the leading African donors to UNAIDS and follows recent commitments on funding for UNAIDS by other African countries. On becoming the Chair of the PCB earlier in 2017, Mr Agyeman-Manu stressed that Ghana would work closely with UNAIDS to achieve the collective goal of ending AIDS by 2030.

The Executive Director of UNAIDS, Michel Sidibé thanked Ghana for its pledge. “Ghana’s pledge of US\$ 200 000 for UNAIDS is another example of Africa increasing its investment in the AIDS response,” he said. “Shared responsibility is vital if the world is to meet its commitments to ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030,” he added.

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