

MEDIA ADVISORY**Fast-Track: Quickening the pace of action to end AIDS**

High-level side event at the United Nations General Assembly chaired by President Museveni of Uganda in collaboration with UNAIDS

Ending the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030 requires renewed urgency. In collaboration with UNAIDS, President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda is bringing world leaders together at a high-level side event during the United Nations General Assembly to reinvigorate political leadership around HIV. He will make a call to all countries to adopt the UNAIDS Fast-Track approach to achieve the global and regional targets as outlined in the 2016 United Nations Political Declaration on Ending AIDS.

Speakers will clearly demonstrate that the Fast-Track approach to ending AIDS is working and the positive impact it is having on health systems and on the broader sustainable development goals in Africa and beyond. There will be a strong call for political leadership to build momentum and deliver on the shared agenda of ending AIDS by 2030.

EVENT **Fast-Track: Quickening the pace of action to end AIDS**
DATE Thursday, 21 September 2017, 09:00–10:30, EST
WHERE Conference Room 4, United Nations Headquarters, New York, United States of America

SPEAKERS

His Excellency President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, Uganda

His Excellency President Hage Geingob, Namibia

His Excellency President Alpha Condé, Guinea

His Majesty King Mswati III, Swaziland

His Excellency President Arthur Peter Mutharika, Malawi

His Excellency President Danny Faure, Seychelles

His Excellency President Edgar Chagwa Lungu, Zambia

Right Honourable Prime Minister Dr Thomas Motsoahae Thabane, Lesotho

His Excellency Vice-President Mokgweetsi Masisi, Botswana

His Excellency Prime Minister Olivier Mahafaly Solonandrasana, Madagascar

Mr Michel Sidibé, Executive Director, UNAIDS, co-organizer

Ambassador Deborah Birx, United States of America

Madame Line Renaud, French singer and AIDS activist

Her Excellency Lorena Castillo de Varela, First Lady of Panama

Ms Jacquelyne Alesi, civil society representative, Uganda

ACCREDITATION NOTE:

Only journalists accredited to the United Nations General Assembly will be able to attend the event. Accredited media will need to contact the United Nations Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (MALU) for a ticket: tel. +1 (212) 963-6934/malu@un.org

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The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) leads and inspires the world to achieve its shared vision of zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths. UNAIDS unites the efforts of 11 UN organizations—UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC, UN Women, ILO, UNESCO, WHO and the World Bank—and works closely with global and national partners towards ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030 as part of the Sustainable Development Goals. Learn more at unaids.org and connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.