

PRESS STATEMENT

UNAIDS welcomes appointment of Rico Gustav as Executive Director of GNP+

GENEVA, 11 January 2019—UNAIDS warmly welcomes the appointment of Rico Gustav as the Executive Director of the Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+). GNP+ has been working for more than 30 years to ensure that the people most affected by HIV are heard and listened to as an integral part of the response to HIV. GNP+ is a much-valued partner of UNAIDS and its work is critical to ending AIDS.

“Rico Gustav is an excellent advocate for people living with and affected by HIV and a strong voice for all populations that have been marginalized,” said Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of UNAIDS. “He is an honest broker, a skilled leader and a compassionate human being.”

Mr Gustav is a longstanding health and development activist and a leading voice in the community response to HIV. He is also a former staff member of UNAIDS, having worked for the UNAIDS Country Office in Indonesia and for the UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand, building and strengthening links between community networks and regional stakeholders.

UNAIDS looks forward to working closely with Mr Gustav and GNP+ in advocating for, and supporting fair and equal access to, HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services for people living with and affected by HIV.

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