

PRESS STATEMENT

UNAIDS welcomes appointment of David Malpass as the new President of the World Bank

GENEVA, 8 April 2019—UNAIDS welcomes the announcement that David Malpass will be the new President of the World Bank, beginning his five-year term on Tuesday, 9 April 2019.

“UNAIDS’ work with the World Bank to address the interrelated challenges of HIV, inequality and extreme poverty is critical,” said Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of UNAIDS. “I warmly welcome the appointment of David Malpass as the new President of the World Bank and look forward to a continued close collaboration towards ending AIDS as a public health threat, increasing economic opportunities and building shared prosperity.”

The World Bank is one of UNAIDS’ 11 Cosponsors and helps countries to provide HIV prevention, care and treatment services by offering financing, specialized technical support and knowledge. The World Bank is the lead agency for support to strategic planning, including costed and prioritized multisectoral national AIDS plans and analysis to underpin evidence-informed policies.

UNAIDS looks forward to continuing to work closely with the World Bank and with Mr Malpass in his new role as President.

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