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The same harmful gender norms that drive the HIV epidemic also affect institutions such as UNAIDS.

- UNAIDS is taking concrete actions to ensure zero tolerance and zero impunity for harassment and abuse of authority. Five-point plan being implemented.
- Independent Expert Panel. Welcome dedicated dialogue this afternoon.

2018 critical milestone. We are at the halfway point to 2020 fast-track commitments agreed by the UN General Assembly.

- Strong progress towards ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030. Gains across most of the 10 Commitments in the 2016 Political Declaration.
- More than half of people living with HIV are accessing treatment.
- AIDS-related deaths continue to decline to fewer than 1 million per year.
- But progress is not everywhere and not reaching everyone. Still many barriers to overcome.
- Full achievement of 90-90-90 targets by 2020 requires the expansion of community-led, people-centred approaches to HIV testing, immediate linkage to and retention in care, and adherence to treatment.

A combination approach to HIV prevention that respects and protects the right of the most vulnerable is critical- Human rights remain central.

- 2018 marks the 20th anniversary of the tragic passing of Jonathan Mann.
- He put inclusion at the centre of the AIDS response.
- He urged us to “transcend a solidarity of exclusion” and called for “a solidarity of inclusion- the only true solidarity”.

I witnessed “solidarity of inclusion” in recent visits to Uganda and South Sudan.

- Uganda is hosting the fastest growing refugee crisis in the world.
- In South Sudan 7 million people need of humanitarian assistance and 1.9 million people are internally displaced. Health infrastructure is collapsing.

In a world that is increasingly divisive—Johnathan Mann, Nelson Mandela and Prudence Mabele—were so right—that standing with people—should never be a reason to stand in the way of action.

- We stand with people living with HIV, we stand with refugees, we stand with women, we stand with key populations.

It is only through a “solidarity of inclusion” that we can:

- Accelerate the prevention agenda to reduce new infections and achieve 90-90-90 targets.
- Get people the life-saving services they people need no matter who they are or where they live.
- End all forms of discrimination and achieve gender equality.
- Connect the dots of the AIDS response to lift global health agenda and UHC.
- Close the funding gap. In 2016 resources available globally were 27% lower than the US\$ 26 billion needed by 2020.

We are less than a thousand days to the 2020 Fast-Track milestone.

- The 37 million people who are today living with HIV, along with the 1.8 million who will acquire HIV over the course of this year, are counting on us here in this room.
- AIDS is not over, but it can be.
- Global AIDS response has inspired global health, sustainable development and coordination.

We at UNAIDS are fully committed to ending the epidemic.

It will take innovation.

- UN Secretary-General has put innovation at heart of efforts to reach the SDGs.
- UNAIDS has just established the Office of Innovation.
- I have written to UNAIDS staff urging them “not to be afraid to fail, but to test new ideas”.

It will take enhanced partnerships.

It will take timely data.

- Importance of location and population.
- Integrated health situation rooms.

It will take a robust UNAIDS--financial situation and forecast

- UNAIDS financial situation relatively stable throughout 2017 and in 2018 as a result of continued cost cutting and savings measures and continued confidence of key donors.
- Raising US\$ 242 million this year to fully fund the UBRAF must be our target. As of today, a total of US\$ 100 million has been mobilized towards the 2018 core budget of US\$ 184 million. Thanks Denmark and Sweden (increasing).

It will take UNAIDS at the forefront of gender equality and the empowerment of women.

- UNAIDS remains top performer of the UN-SWAP indicators.
- New Gender Action Plan 2018–2023 with ambitious targets.

We are committed to ensuring a workplace where everyone can work with respect and dignity.

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