## Welcome and opening remarks

During this session the speakers will welcome participants, deliver opening remarks, give a brief overview of the agenda, and discuss important logistical aspects and house rules.

### Format:
7 speakers, (6' each)

### Speaker(s):
1. **Maria Kirova**, Department Head, High Impact Africa 1, Global Fund
2. **Dr. Benido Imouma**, Director CD and NCD Department, WHO-AFRO
3. **Mr. Patrick Brenny, Regional Director**, UNAIDS Regional Support Team for WCA
4. **Mr. Daouda Diouf, Coordinator**, Civil Society Institute for HIV and Health in WCA, WCA HIV Regional Summit President
5. **Soukey Ndiaye**, President Network of Associations of PLHIV Senegal RNP+
6. **Prof Stanley Okolo**, Director General WAHO
7. **Hon. Mr. Abdoulaye Diallo Sarr**, Minister of Health, Senegal

## Setting the scene

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**The context, responses, and challenges in West and Central Africa—Key findings and recommendations of the WCA Break-out Group**

This session aims to present the work of the UNAIDS break-out group on WCA and Regional Humanitarian Issues, and to create a common understanding on the WCA operating environment and the state of the regional health and HIV responses.

### Format:
Presentation (15’)

**Speaker(s):**
Nana Oye Bampoe Addo, Former Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection & WCA Break-out group member

### PANEL & DISCUSSION 1

**The context, responses, and challenges in West and Central Africa—Regional bottlenecks and opportunities, best practices, and innovations**

This session aims to discuss the key points arising from the previous session, and present participants with a detailed multi-stakeholder perspective on the state of the region, setting the basis for a forward-looking discussion.

### Format:
Plenary panel (30’) followed by Q&A (40’)

**Chair:** Dr Osagie Ehanire, Minister of Health, Nigeria

**Moderator:** Lucille Imboua, WHO Representative, Senegal

**Speaker(s):**
1. **Mr. Pierre N’Gou Dimba**, Minister of Health, Public Hygiene and Universal Health Coverage, Côte d’Ivoire
2. **Veronica Kilumba**, Vice-Minister of Public Health, Hygiene and Prevention, DRC
3. **Dr Abbas Moustapha**, National Executive Secretary a.i. of the National AIDS Council (SNLS) Chad
4. **Salia Ba Ndougou**, WHO AFRO coordination of HIV/AIDS treatment in West and Central Africa (WCA)
5. **Caty Fall**, Regional Manager of West and Central Africa of the Global Fund
6. **Bintou Dembele**, Executive Director ARCAD Santé/ CSIH Steering Committee Member, Mali

### Coffee / Tea Break

11:45 – 12:15
# COMMUNITY-LED RESPONSES

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Revisiting the role and relationships of governments and civil society in WCA—Reinvigorating the role of governments, repositioning communities at the center of responses to pandemics, rethinking cooperation between governments and civil society, promoting existing good practices.  
This session will highlight that WCA is no longer just lagging, but that it is increasingly a region in transformation. Present recent developments and good practices in the provision of services and the central place of community actors in their implementation. Flag gaps in institutionalization of these innovative approaches (including in political and financial terms).  
**Format:** Plenary panel (45’) followed by Q&A (30’). | Chair: Dr. Dionísio Cumba, Minister of Public Health, Guinea Bissau  
Moderator: Eric Fleutetel, Technical Director of the ‘Major Pandemics’ unit, Expertise France  
**Speaker(s):**  
1. Dr. Pierre Somsé, Minister of Health and Population CAR  
2. Prof. Charlemagne Marie Ragnag-Néwendé Ouedraogo, Minister of health, Burkina Faso  
3. Prof. Stanley Okolo, Director General, WAHO  
4. Dr. Hugues Lago, Team lead HIV/TB/Hepatitis, WHO-AFRO  
5. Magatte Mbodj, Executive Director ANCS, CSIH Steering Committee member  
6. Aliou Sylla, Director Coalition Plus Africa, CSIH Steering Committee member, Mali |
| 13:30–14:30 | Lunch break                                                                                           |                                                                        |
| 14:30–15:45 | **PANEL & DISCUSSION 3**  
Enabling factors to enable scaled-up civil society responses—Community and health system linkages, including public-private partnerships; role of regional coordination mechanisms.  
This session will discuss the normative and structural changes needed to anchor public - community - private partnerships as central elements of systems for health and the related assistance modalities available and/or in need of scale-up.  
**Format:** Plenary panel (45’) followed by Q&A (30’). | Chair: Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana, Minister of Public Health and AIDS Control, Burundi  
Moderator: Professeur Pape Saliou Sow, Head of health initiatives, Mastercard Foundation  
**Speaker(s):**  
1. Vincent Palokinam Pitche, National Coordinator of the National AIDS Control Council (CNLS-IST) Togo  
2. Dr. Julia Martin, Senior Advisor PEPFAR  
3. Maria Kirova, Department Head, Global Fund  
4. Dr. Doherty Meg, Director HIV department, WHO-Global  
5. Serge Douomong, Advocacy Director, Coalition Plus  
6. Oluwatoyin Chukwudzie, Executive Director Education as a Vaccine |
| 15:45–16:15 | Coffee / Tea Break                                                                                     |                                                                        |
| 16:15–17:30 | **PANEL & DISCUSSION 4**  
Lessons learned from HIV/AIDS for COVID-19 and pandemic preparedness (Session objectives TBC)  
**Format:** Plenary panel (45’) followed by Q&A (30’). | **Co-Chairs:** Guy Patrick Obiang Ndong, Minister of Health, Gabon & Dr. Diosdado Vicente Nsue Milang, Minister of health and social welfare, Equatorial Guinea  
**Moderator:** Dr. Fatoumata Diaraye Diallo, National Executive Secretary a.i. of the National AIDS Council, Guinea Bissau  
**Speaker(s):**  
1. Dr Aliyu Gambo, Director General, National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA), Nigeria  
2. Mr. Léonard Bonono, Permanent Secretary CNLS, Cameroun  
3. Africa CDC (TBC)  
4. Ali Paul MARGARET, Lab Officer, WHO-AFRO  
5. Prof Cheikh Tidiane Ndour, Head of DLSI Senegal  
6. Augustin Dokia, President RAS+ Togo  
7. Pr Abdallah Sidi Aly, Coordinator & Executive Secretary of the National Executive Secretariat for the Fight against AIDS, Mauritania |

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| 09:00–09:10 | Welcome and orientation  
During this session the speakers will welcome participants, give a brief overview of the agenda, and discuss important logistical aspects and house rules.  
**Format:** 1 speaker (10’) | **Speaker(s):**  
1. Fatou Ndow, Program Coordinator, CSIH |
| 09:10–09:20 | Synthesis of day 1  
The speaker of this session will provide a summary of key messages and recommendations from day 1.  
**Format:** 1 speaker (10’) | **Speaker(s):**  
1. Massogui Thiandoum, Technical Director ANCS |
PARALLEL THEMATIC SESSIONS

The following thematic sessions will dive into the successes, challenges, and enabling factors that must be strengthened going forward. Panelists will also analyze the current and potential role of community-led responses to address existing gaps and formulate recommendations to effectively address the highlighted issues.

Format:
- Intro remarks (5 min)
- Panel (45 hour)
- Q&A (30 min)
- Plenary synthesis and recommendations (10 min)

09:20 – 10:30
SS1 – Special session on pediatrics
Chair: Dr. Arlindo Nascimento do Rosário, Minister of Health and Social Security, Cape Verde
Moderator: Dr Landry Dongmo Tsague, UNICEF- WCARO
Speaker(s):
1. Pierre Somsé, Minister of Health and Population CAR
2. Martina Penazzato, WHO-HQ
3. Dr. Cheick Tidiane Tal, Senior HIV/AIDS Specialist/MNCAH integration, UNICEF
4. David Maman, HIV Advisor, Global Fund
5. Mrs. Hélène ROGER, Director of international programs Sidaction
6. Christine Kafando, PLHIV Activist Burkina Faso, Vice president CSIH
7. Dr Aimé Mboyo, Director PNLS (MoH), DRC

SS2 – Special session on people on the move
Chair: Dr Djiddi Ali Sougoudi, State Secretary for Health, Chad
Moderator: Pr Adama Sarawi Moussa MAIGA, Executive Secretary of the National AIDS Control Council, Mali

SS3 – Special session on adolescent girls, young women and young men
Chair: Dr. Ahmadou Lamin Samateh, Minister of Health Gambia
Moderator: Mrs Theodosia S. Kolee, Chairperson of the National AIDS Commission

SS4 – Special session on stigma and human rights
Chair: Pr Samba Mamadou, Director General of Health, Côte d’Ivoire
Moderator: Serge Douomong, Advocacy Director at Coalition plus

10:30 – 11:10 Coffee / Tea Break

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Speaker(s):
1. Dr. Tarisse Elongo, WHO Regional Office for Africa
2. Dr Gislaîne Ada Ngaska, UNHCR Regional Bureau for West and Central Africa
3. Pr Smaila Ouedraogo, Permanent Secretary, National AIDS and STI Council (SP / CNLS -IST)
4. Adama Ouedraogo, REGIEPEV, Burkina Faso
5. Mamadou Haidara, Executive Director, SONGES, Niger

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Speaker(s):
1. Prof. Isaac F. Adelowe, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, former health minister, Nigeria
2. Rukia Mannikko, Gender Advisor, Global Fund
3. Imam Cheick Bachir, Niger
5. Aaron Sunday, African Network of Adolescents and Young People’s Development (ANAYD), Nigeria

10:50 – 11:10 Coffee / Tea Break
**11:10 – 12:40**

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**12:40 – 14:10**

- **Lunch break**

**14:10 – 15:30**

**PANEL & DISCUSSION 5**

- **Rebuilding health systems—Health systems designed to withstand multifactorial vulnerabilities and instability**
  - **Session objectives TBC**
  - **Format:** Plenary panel (50’) followed by Q&A (30’)
  - **Chair:** Fodé Simaga, Director Fast Track Implementation (FTI) department, UNAIDS
  - **Moderator:** Florence Thune, Director Sidaction
  - **Speaker(s):**
    1. Professeur Souleymane Mboup, Director IRESSEF Senegal
    2. Dr. Benido IMPOUMA, Director CD and NCD Department, WHO-AFRO
    3. Prof. Charlemagne Marie Ragnag-Néwendé Ouedraogo, Minister of health, Burkina Faso
    4. Daouda Diouf, Executive Civil society Institute for HIV and Health in West and Central Africa, WCA HIV Regional Summit President
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<td>Moderator: Eric Fleutelot, Technical Director of the ‘Major Pandemics’ unit, Expertise France</td>
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| 09:30–11:00 | PANEL & DISCUSSION 6                                                     | The challenges of health financing in the West and Central Africa region The objectives of this high-level session are:  
  - To present the actual facts of the pressing financing situation for health and HIV, as well as HIV enablers (such as secondary education and social protection that includes PLHIV).  
  - Provide solid arguments and concrete proposals on the need and options to upgrade health and pandemics prevention, among the priority investments of the COVID recovery plans.  
  - Bring forward specific actions at macro and micro levels to ensure financing that will protect and guarantee the right to health for West and Central Africans.  
  - Stress the need for sustained collective action by Governments, Regional and subregional bodies, donors, agencies and financial institutions to advance towards sustainable financing in the field.  
  
Format: Plenary panel (50') followed by Q&A (40')  
Chair: Dr. Wilhelmina S. Jallah, Minister of Health, Liberia (TBC)  
Moderator: Jaime Atienza, Director, Sustainable financing for HIV, health and pandemics, UNAIDS  
Speaker(s):  
  1. Peter Sands, Executive Director, The Global Fund  
  2. Ambassador Stephanie Seydoux, Global health ambassador France  
  3. Dr. Mamadi Yilla, Deputy Coordinator PEPFAR  
  4. Amadou Hott, Minister of Economy, planning and International Cooperation, Senegal.  
  5. Austin Demby, Minister of Health and Sanitation, Sierra Leone.  
  6. Jason Braganza, Director, AFRODAD (Online)  
  7. Daouda Diouf, Dir Civil Society Institute for HIV and Health in WCA, WCA HIV Regional Summit President.  
  8. Irene Agyepong, Academic and expert, Dodowa Health Research Center, Ghana Health Service (TBC) |
| 11:00–11:30 | Coffee / Tea Break                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
HIGH-LEVEL SPECIAL SESSION
High-level event on the Education Plus Initiative - From Commitment to Action: Leveraging Education for HIV prevention and gender equality in West and Central Africa

The objectives of the High-Level Event are to:
- Secure high-level political commitment to reposition Education Plus within the HIV/AIDS response at the center of a resilient, sustainable, integrated and person-centered approach to health, tackling inequalities across the region.
- Galvanize decision-makers and development partners to significantly scale-up investments, policies and actions on education and holistic, multi-sectoral interventions for adolescent girls and young women to prevent HIV and gain many other social and economic benefits, with the aim of meeting the objective of ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.
- Mobilize collective action, leveraging Civil Society, for a rights-based gender-responsive agenda aimed at keeping adolescent girls in secondary school as a means to protect them against HIV in the region.

Format: Hybrid event (physical and virtual participation): 1.5 hour event comprised of Opening Session where EXD, will make Opening remarks, after brief welcoming remarks by Senegal’s Minister of Health and Social Action

Co-facilitators:
1. Jaly Badiane
2. Hawa Ba

OPENING SESSION
Speaker(s):
1. H.E Mr. Mamadou TALLA, Minister for National Education, Senegal
2. Mrs Winnie BYANYIMA, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UNAIDS

INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSIONS (70MN)
From Commitments to Actions: Leveraging Education for HIV prevention and gender equality in West and Central Africa

PANEL 1: Financing quality secondary education free for all girls and boys in Africa (35mn)
Regional overview: Ms. Marie-Pierre Poirier, Regional Director, UNICEF, West and Central Africa Region, Senegal
Panelists:
- H.E. M. Kouaro Yves CHABI, Minister of Secondary, Technical and Vocational Education, Benin
- H.E Mr. Amadou HOTT, Minister for Economy, Planning and Cooperation, Senegal
- Hon. Mr. Franz Fayot, Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
- Ms. Fatima Gomez, Advisory counsellor, Global Fund for Women and Young Woman Leader, Education Plus Initiative, Gambia
- Mrs. Mame Bousso Samb DIACK, President, Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE), Senegal

PANEL 2: An enabling policy and legislative environment (35mn)
Lived experience of adolescent girls and young women: Ms. Anita KOUASSI, President of the Commission of Education, Culture, Social Affairs and Information Technology, and Young Woman Leader, Education Plus Initiative, Benin (5mn)
Panelists:
- H.E Mrs. Prisca Niend KOHO, Minister for Social Affairs and Women’s Rights, Gabon
- Dr. Rita Bissaonauth, Head of Mission, African Union International Center for Girls and Women’s Education in Africa (AU/CIEFFA), Burkina Faso
- Ms. Calorine Kenkem, Gender-based violence, stigma and discrimination expert, ATHENA Network, Cameroon
- Mr. Dimitri Sanga, Director, UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office for West Africa (Sahel), Senegal
- Dr. Safiatou Thiam, Executive Director CNLS Senegal

PLENARY INTERACTION WITH THE ROOM: (20MN)

SUMMARY
Speaker: Mrs Oluwatoyin Chukwudozie, Executive Director, Education as a Vaccine, Nigeria

CLOSING REMARKS
Speaker: H.E. Mme N'deye Sali Diop DIENG, Minister of Women, Family, Gender and Child Protection, Senegal
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