

# Europe

## **LONDON, United Kingdom | 28 and 29 November**

On 28 November afternoon, Executive Director Winnie Byanyima, along with leaders from communities and the UK government, launched the UNAIDS World AIDS Day report, 'Let communities lead', attended by media, live-streamed to the world, as part of a conference organized by STOPAIDS. On 29 November, Winnie and civil society partners will attend a reception in the UK Parliament.

## **NEW YORK, USA | 28 November**

In New York on 28 November, the UNSG Spokesperson's Noon Briefing included guest Angeli Achrekar, Deputy Executive Director, to brief media on the World AIDS Day report, 'Let communities lead'. Watch below

## **BRUSSELS, Belgium | 29 November**

The European Parliament on 29 November is hosting a conference on Ending AIDS in Europe. Christine Stegling, Deputy Executive Director, will speak about the power of community-led responses.

## **GERMANY | 30 November and 1 December**

For 30 November in Berlin, UNAIDS and Ukrainian community-led organizations are organizing an event on the vital role of community-led organizations in the response in Ukraine and amongst Ukrainians displaced across Europe, at which Christine Stegling, Deputy Executive Director, is set to speak.

On Friday 1 December UNAIDS Bonn team is inviting colleagues in the UN Bonn Campus to celebrate the great achievements of communities in the HIV response and call for their strong leadership to end AIDS by 2030. The coffee-and-cake reception will take place on the 7th floor of the LE building in the UN Bonn Campus at 11:00.

## **GENEVA, Switzerland | 1 December**

On 1 December, UNAIDS is supporting [PVA Genève](#), the network of people living with HIV, who are leading along with the Hospital of the University of Geneva (HUG) and other partners in organizing an inter-faith service at the St. Joseph's Church at 18:30 local time followed by a silent march with candles in Geneva that will start at 19:30 at the church and end with a gathering and concert at the Maison de Quartier des Pâquis at 20:30. All staff and friends are encouraged to attend these events.

On Friday 1 December, WHO is hosting a special event to celebrate the power of communities leading the response to HIV in the Kofi Annan Room, in the UNAIDS building (*see flyer*). There will also be a visit to Checkpoint Genève, a community-led initiative enabling key populations to access HIV services.

The traditional World AIDS Day prayer will take place at the World Council of Churches chapel (Route de Ferney 150-Entrance from the Route des Morillions side) on Friday, 1 December, at 8:30.

## **Africa**

### **VICTORIA FALLS AND HARARE, Zimbabwe | 1 December and beyond**

On World AIDS Day, 1 December, Executive Director Winnie Byanyima will be in Victoria Falls. In the morning she is set to commemorate the many lives lost to AIDS with the government and leaders of the HIV response in Zimbabwe; in the afternoon, she will visit a community-led initiative enabling key populations to access services. This is followed by [ICASA](#), the 22nd edition of the largest HIV conference in Africa, taking place from 4 December in Harare, with a number of pre-meetings taking place just before then in Victoria Falls. ICASA will also highlight the importance of enabling communities in their leadership role.

## **ADDIS-ABABA, Ethiopia | 1 December**

The Minister of Health proposed commemorating WAD 2023 in Addis-Ababa city on 1 December at the UN Compound. The planned WAD events will include among others an official commemoration in place to be communicated with official addressing, a panel discussion on selected topics by inviting technical experts through TV including the use of sign language, use of other media outlets including social media and the production and dissemination of messages on HIV prevention using banners and posters.

From 28 to 29 November there will be a community-led monitoring national workshop. This workshop will bring together 80 people from all Ethiopian regions and will discuss how better to engage the community not only in HIV/AIDS response but also in monitoring. This will include a discussion on the digitalization of CLM.

## **MOROGORO, Tanzania | November/December**

On 25 November, World AIDS Day week will be launched in Morogoro with the presence of the Morogoro Regional Commissioner. The week will be marked by AIDS Trust Fund sensitization and fundraising events and protests.

The National Scientific Symposium on HIV and AIDS will be held on 27-28 November and will be attended by the Minister of Health, Ummu Mwalimu.

On 30 November, the main Youth WAD will be held with the presence of the Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, Jenista Mhagama.

On 1 December there will be another WAD led by the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania, Hon. Kassim Majaliwa.

## **ZAMBIA | 1 December**

The National World AIDS Day event will be tentatively held at the Baha'i temple and attended by the Minister of Health, Sylvia Masebo and the UCD of Zambia, Tharcisse Barihuta.

World AIDS Day satellite events (testing, outreach, awareness) take place across the country starting from 6 November.

### **ESWATINI | November**

World AIDS Day will begin with a launch by the Minister of Health, followed by regional activities that will serve as a build-up to the main event on 1 December 2023.

- The Shiselweni region event for the WAD targeting adolescent girls and Young Women (AGYW) will be held on 17 November.
- The Hhohho region event for the WAD targeting Key population will be held on 24 November.
- The National World AIDS Day event targeting the mobile population will be held on 1 December.

### **LESOTHO | November**

There will be a two-day national dialogue hosted on 22-23 November for stakeholders to reflect on and discuss the extent to which communities' leadership in the national HIV response is enabled. The main event of the WAD Commemoration 2023 will take place at Matsieng, Maseru on 1 December. It will start with a peaceful walk which will be done in the spirit of showcasing the achievements of civil society organizations in the national response to HIV. His Majesty the King will deliver the keynote address in which he will outline and congratulate all stakeholders on achievements of the national response, charge all stakeholders to act towards enabling communities' leadership in the national response and on the Path to End AIDS.

### **KWAZULU-NATAL, South Africa | November**

The National World AIDS Day will be led by the South Africa National AIDS Council.

## **KENYA | 25 November**

In advance of World AIDS Day, a day of dialogue entitled "Youth Leading the Way to End AIDS" will focus on the best practices of youth-led organizations.

## **Latin America and the Caribbean**

### **BRASÍLIA, Brazil | 30 November to 10 December**

On 30 November, UNAIDS, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and various other partners, will inaugurate the "HIVIDA - Celebrating Life to Eliminate the AIDS Epidemic" project. This groundbreaking initiative will unite a wide array of public and cost-free activities spanning 10 days, from 1 December (World AIDS Day) to 10 December (International Human Rights Day). Its overarching objective is to galvanize society into urgently confronting the impact of inequalities in HIV/AIDS and pandemic response. It will underscore the pivotal role of communities as well as the critical importance of upholding and respecting human rights across all dimensions as the path to end AIDS. The initiative will encompass a rich tapestry of artistic expressions, workshops, lectures, exhibitions, performances, music, visual projections, healthcare services, and civic engagement initiatives, among other offerings.

### **TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras | 1 December**

On 1 December Luisa Cabal, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, along with Regional Directors of USAID and Global Fund, and stakeholders from Honduras, will launch the UNAIDS World AIDS Day report, 'Let communities lead', attended by media, and promote the regional I AM KEY campaign focused on community-led HIV responses.

# Asia Pacific

## ONLINE | 30 November

Virtual communities share facts to report launches and focus on community-to-community learning around social media and news media engagement. The Director of RST Asia Pacific, Eamonn Murphy will attend the event.

## IRAN | December

The official World AIDS Day event will take place on 3 December around the country and will be attended by the Minister of Health and Medical Education.

The National Congress on HIV and AIDS will be held on 29 November at the Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences.

On 1 December, the National Congress of Epidemiology will be held at the Iran University of Medical Sciences, where specialists, physicians, faculties, and students among others will participate in the event.

## CHINA | November

World AIDS Day commemorative event to be held by the government on 28 November, among the participants will be the National Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention, China CDC and NCAIDS. UNAIDS is expected to be invited for the keynote speech.

The Red Ribbon Foundation will hold the event "Uniting social forces to fight AIDS together": 2023 World AIDS Day Welfare Activity on 26 November. The heads of the China Red Cross and NCAIDS will be the key participants in an event where the best HIV advocacy videos produced by college students will be screened and awarded.

## **INDONESIA | November, December**

The "HIV Community Champion Awards 2023" on 28 November, aims to recognize and honour the impactful efforts made by community members. This year's theme focuses on the pivotal role played by communities in the HIV response.

On the 27-28 of November, a symposium will be held on Eliminating Mother-to-Child Transmission (EMTCT), an event featuring both international and local speakers, emphasizing efforts toward eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

The World AIDS Day event will be held on the 1 December, partnering with the Ministry of Health, Republic of Indonesia, to commemorate World AIDS Day, highlighting collaborative efforts in the HIV response.

A National Meeting on HIV will be held on 1-2 December, Convening the Research Network on HIV for a national-level discussion on HIV-related matters.

Throughout December, there will be AIDS Talks Special Editions, offering special editions of AIDS Talks dedicated to World AIDS Day 2023, promoting discourse and education on HIV-related topics.