AGENDA THEMATIC SEGMENT
REDUCING THE IMPACT OF AIDS ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Key questions and objectives of the meeting:

1. Analyse the impact of AIDS on children, adolescents and youth through the life course from childhood to adulthood by age range [0-4] [5-9] [10-14] [15-19] [20-24];
2. Showcase areas where notable successes/progress in HIV-related outcomes for children, adolescents, and youth have been achieved and discuss the key factors that led to those successes; and
3. Identify the key priority actions that will allow countries with different epidemiological contexts to scale-up rights-based HIV prevention, treatment and care and programmes to protect HIV-related human rights by age group, location and population specificities.

Moderator:
Chewe Luo, HIV Section Chief and Associate Director, UNICEF

09:00 - 9:30 Shaping the debate: opening dialogue

- Welcome: PCB Chair
- Opening remarks: Winnie Byanyima, UNAIDS Executive Director
- Video message: Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director
- Keynote Speaker

A keynote speaker will open the meeting by providing insights from a lived perspective on the impact of AIDS on children and youth.

9:30 - 9:45 Overview
This session will review the global epidemiological status of HIV among children, adolescents and young people.

- Shannon Hader, Deputy Executive Director, Programme, UNAIDS Secretariat
- Ren Minghui, WHO Assistant Director-General, Universal Health Coverage/Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases, WHO
9:45-10:30 Preventing new HIV infections and finding children, adolescents and young people living with HIV

In this session, panellists will identify priority actions and “game-changers” that will allow countries to optimize their prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, prevent new HIV infections in adolescents and young people, including among key populations, and diagnose infants, children, adolescents and youth living with HIV to ensure timely initiation of treatment.

- **Angela Mushavi**, National PMTCT and Pediatric HIV Care and Treatment Coordinator, the Ministry of Health and Child Care, Zimbabwe: Use of data to optimize prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and maternal and child health service delivery
- **Jennifer Cohn**, Senior Director for Innovation, Elizabeth Glazer Pediatric AIDS Foundation, United States: Proactive, multi-faceted case finding efforts to identify children living with HIV, including strengthened early infant diagnosis, scale-up of point-of-care testing technologies, family or index testing and integration of testing in diverse settings
- **Doan Thanh Tung**, Director, Lighthouse Social Enterprise, Vietnam: Use of multiple platforms for prevention, testing and treatment for adolescents and young key populations
- **Macanjana Motsa**, Under Secretary, Schools Manager, Ministry of Education and Training, Eswatini: Empowering adolescents through comprehensive sexuality education, keeping girls in school and making schools safe, and preventing of gender-based violence

10:30 - 11.15 Remarks from the floor

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:15 Retaining children and young people in treatment and care

In this session panellists will discuss how to introduce and scale up programmes and initiatives that show results in retaining children, adolescents and young people in HIV treatment and care and in improving health outcomes.

- **Job Odyance Akuno**, Program Manager, Jielimishe Uzazi na Afya (JUA), Kenya: scaling up programmes to retain pregnant women in antenatal and postnatal services and achieving and sustaining viral suppression for those living with HIV
- **Eleanor Namusoke-Magongo**, Coordinator of Paediatric and Adolescent HIV Care & Treatment, Ministry of Health, Uganda: Scaling up improved treatment options for HIV and HIV-associated infections across the lifecycle, with access to appropriate treatment monitoring, adherence support and psychosocial care
- **Aaron Zea**, Network of young people living with HIV, Latin America and the Caribbean: Building the capacity of health-care workers to deliver adolescent-friendly health services and support adherence, including for key populations
- **Hu Yiyun**, Director, Division of Exchange and Cooperation, National Center for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention China: Improving uptake and retention in services through comprehensive innovative measures in university settings
12:15 - 13:00 Remarks from the floor

13:00 - 14:15 Lunch Break

14:15 - 14:20 Video message

- Jayathama Wickramanayake, UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth

14:20 - 15:05 Interactive dialogue: Scaling up interventions to address structural barriers and to help children, adolescents and young people thrive
In this interactive session the speakers will discuss the game-changing potential of programmes that tackle structural barriers to transform the HIV response, to empower children, adolescents, young people and their caregivers and ensure better health outcomes.

- Lucie Cluver, Professor of Child and Family Social Work, University of Cape Town, South Africa: The power of social interventions to improve the well-being of children, adolescents and young people affected by HIV
- Legee Tamir, Youth LEAD, Mongolia: Young people as beneficiaries, partners and leaders
- Ousmane Diaby, Director International Cooperation of Minister of Health, Cameroon: Law and policy change to increase access to services
- Michelle Madamombe, DREAMS Ambassador, Zimbabwe: Empowering girls and young people to thrive

15:05 - 15:20 Coffee break

15:20 - 16:05 Remarks from the floor

16:05 - 16:20 Summary and conclusion

- Shannon Hader, UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director, Programme

16:20 - 16:30 Closure