

THEMATIC SEGMENT AGENDA

What do the regional and country-level data tell us, are we listening and how can we leverage those data and related technology to meet our 2025 and 2030 goals?

Key objectives and focus of the thematic segment:

The thematic segment will provide an opportunity for the PCB to discuss how the availability and strategic use of high-quality, timely and reliable data can help us end AIDS as a public health threat. In particular, the thematic segment will focus on the following issues:

1. How AIDS-related data (epi and behavioural surveys, population size estimates, service coverage data, resource allocation and spending data, policy data, etc.) have helped countries achieve results in their national AIDS responses.
2. The main gaps and challenges that are preventing countries and communities from collecting, analyzing and using data to guide their national AIDS responses.
3. The growing importance of community-generated data to monitor the affordability, availability, accessibility, acceptability and quality of services for different groups.
4. Following commitments made in the 2021 Political Declaration, how countries can sustainably improve collection, analysis and use of data to guide national target-setting, planning, resource allocation, service delivery and programmes that are evidence-based, as well as the removal of legal and policy barriers, in line with global targets for 2025.
5. How UNAIDS supports countries to collect, analyze and report data needed to guide national responses, and to track progress against the Global Strategy and the commitments and targets within the UN General Assembly Political Declaration.
6. Suggest recommendations and propose a way forward.

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FORTY-NINTH MEETING

DATE: Friday, 10 December 2021

VENUE: Zoom

TIME: 13:00-16:30 (Geneva)

MODERATOR: **Peter Ghys**, Director, Strategic Information Department, UNAIDS Secretariat

AGENDA

Opening dialogue and keynote addresses (13:00 – 13:40)

The keynote speakers will provide insights on how the timely availability and strategic use of good-quality data will help us end AIDS as a public health threat.

Keynote addresses

- **Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn**, State Minister, Ministry of Health and Wellness, Jamaica
- **Marijke Wijnroks**, Chief of Staff, Office of the Executive Director, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- **Sara (Meg) Davis**, Senior researcher and lead of the Digital Health and Rights Project, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute, Geneva
- **Winnie Byanyima**, UNAIDS Executive Director

Session overview (13:40 – 13:50)

This session will provide the main highlights from the thematic segment background note, with a particular focus on the session's first two questions: What does the regional and country-level data tell us? Are we listening?

- **Shannon Hader**, Deputy Executive Director, Programme, UNAIDS Secretariat

Remarks from the floor

Panel discussion 1: Leveraging data to fill gaps in HIV service coverage (14:05 – 15:05)

This session will feature a panel of speakers who will focus on how we can better leverage data and related technology to expand service coverage in line with 2025 and 2030 targets

- **Emanuel Zenengeya**, Head of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, National AIDS Commission, Malawi
- **Ngqabutho (Butho) Mpofo**, Head of Advocacy and Communications for the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) and member of the Ritshidze project's technical team, Ritshidze Project, South Africa
- **Andrew Grulich**, Theme Director, Populations and Prevention and Head, HIV Epidemiology and Prevention Program, The Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- **Chewe Luo**, Associate Director, Programme Division, and Chief of the HIV/AIDS Section, UNICEF

Remarks from the floor

15:05 – 15:15 Break

Panel discussion 2: Leveraging data to reduce HIV-related stigma and discrimination and improve quality of life (15:15 – 16:15)

This session will feature a panel of speakers who will focus on how we can better leverage data and related technology to reach the societal enabler targets for 2025 and improve the quality of life for people living with HIV and people at substantial risk of HIV infection.

- **Irum Zaidi**, Deputy Coordinator, Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator, The United States President's Emergency Fund for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
- **Sairat Noknoy**, Deputy Director of AIDS and STIs Division, Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
- **Domingos Duran**, Head of Therapeutic Intervention Division, General-Directorate for Intervention on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies, Portugal

Remarks from the floor

Conclusions and the way forward (16:15 – 16:30)

- **Shannon Hader**, Deputy Executive Director, Programme, UNAIDS Secretariat