

THEMATIC SEGMENT AGENDA

**POSITIVE LEARNING:
HARNESSING THE POWER OF
EDUCATION TO END HIV-
RELATED STIGMA AND
DISCRIMINATION, EMPOWER
YOUNG PEOPLE AND PROVIDE A
COMPREHENSIVE HIV RESPONSE**

Key objectives and focus of the thematic segment

The thematic segment will provide an opportunity for the PCB to discuss the role of the education sector in meeting the 2030 goal of ending AIDS as a public health threat. In particular, the thematic segment will focus on the following issues:

1. Policy and programmatic action to end HIV-related stigma, violence and discrimination in education settings.
2. The role and responsibilities of the education sector in meeting the needs of learners living with HIV.
3. Education as a strategic entry point for provision of comprehensive packages of health, support, social protection and referrals for young people, in and out school, in all their diversity.
4. Gaps in provision of resilient, safe, inclusive, healthy learning environments as part of multi-sectoral gender-transformative education.
5. Suggest recommendations and propose a way forward.

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Positive Learning: harnessing the power of education to end HIV-related stigma and discrimination, empower young people and provide a comprehensive HIV response.

FIFTIETH MEETING

DATE: Friday, 24 June 2022

VENUE: In person and Zoom (hybrid)

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

MODERATOR: Irene Ogeta, Athena Network, Kenya

AGENDA

Opening dialogue and keynote addresses (13:00 – 13:30)

The keynote speakers will provide big-picture strategic vision regarding the session objectives.

Keynote addresses

- **David Moinina Sengeh**, Minister of Education, Sierra Leone
- **Yana Panfilova**, Teenergizer, Ukraine
- **Winnie Byanyima**, UNAIDS Executive Director

Session overview (13:30 – 14:00)

What is the evidence showing that education can reduce stigma and discrimination and empower young people? What are the gaps?

- **Chris Castle**, Global Coordinator, UNESCO

Remarks from the floor

Panel discussion 1: Young people's experiences (14:00 – 14:45)

This session will feature a panel of speakers who will focus on the experiences of young people in and out of school who have faced stigma, violence and discrimination. In order to harness what young people think are the gaps and evidence.

- **Vimbainashe Jazi**, Zvandiri, Zimbabwe
- **Erika Dupuis**, the PACT, Canada
- **Ralph Ivan Samson**, Y-Peer, Philippines

Short intervention by **DREAMS Ambassador, Catherine Walusa**, Malawi

Remarks from the floor

Break (14:45 – 15:00)

Panel discussion 2: Harnessing the power of education to reduce stigma and discrimination, empower young people and provide a comprehensive HIV response (15:00 – 16:15)

- **Julissa Hernandez**, Deputy Minister of Education, Dominican Republic
- **Joyce Ouma**, Y+ Global and Education *Plus* Nerve Center, Kenya
- **Agnes Nyalonje**, Minister of Education, Republic of Malawi
- **Elina Turalyeva**, Teens.kg, Kyrgyzstan

Remarks from the floor including best practice examples from members states

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

- **Matthew Kavanagh**, UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director *a.i.*