

THEMATIC SEGMENT AGENDA

**HIV and Men, in all their Diversity.
How can we get back our responses
back on track**

Key objectives and focus of the meeting:

The thematic segment will provide an opportunity for the PCB to discuss various approaches, promising practices, and community examples of engaging men in their diversity, including human rights and gender perspectives. Discussions on strategies to engage men and improve their uptake of HIV services and recommendations on global, regional, and country actions will be explored. In particular, the thematic segment will focus on the following issues:

1. Explore common assumptions and narratives around men.
2. Review progress against global HIV targets and highlight current HIV evidence and gaps.
3. Identify models and approaches, including innovative digital interventions, promising practices, and community examples of engaging men in their diversity.
4. Discuss strategies to engage men and improve their uptake of HIV services.
5. Explore recommendations on global, country and country actions; and
6. Suggest recommendations and next steps.

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DRAFT Agenda

DATE: 16 December 2022

VENUE: Hybrid - Chiang Mai, Thailand and Zoom

TIME: 13:00 – 16:30

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

Introduction by the moderator

Wole Ameyan, Focal Point for HIV Prevention in Men, WHO HIV Prevention Team

Keynote addresses

Aim: Keynote addresses will provide big-picture strategic vision regarding the session objectives.

- 1. Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director, UNAIDS, Geneva**
Discuss the timeliness and urgency of this thematic, including the link between inequality in access to services by men and the epidemic in girls and women.
- 2. Yuri Yorski, Human Rights Coordinator, Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender, and Sexual Diversity (ECOM), Estonia**
Speak to the community's lived experience of exclusion from access to services and marginalization.

Session overview (13:30 – 14:00)

To review some of the evidence on progress against global HIV targets and highlight current gaps. Provide main highlights from the background paper, and focus attention on the panel discussions: Why men and HIV, which men, what narratives do we need to change? And to introduce some of the good examples of successful efforts on programming for men.

- 1. Adeeba Kamarulzaman, outgoing IAS President, International AIDS Society**
To provide an update on data available on HIV and men – gaps and overview of the background paper.
- 2. Meg Doherty, Director, Global HIV, Hepatitis and STIs Programmes, World Health Organization**
Putting men into policies – highlight gaps in existing policies and guidelines and provide upcoming guidelines to inform programmes for men.

Remarks from the floor

Panel 1 (14:00 – 15:00)

Who are we talking about? Why men and HIV?

Addressing and changing the narrative about men and health services

Aim: Clarifying men's diversity, highlighting the different data showing the gap among men in HIV services across the HIV prevention, testing, treatment, and care cascade. Showing why a focus on men and HIV is critical to ending new HIV infections and HIV mortality. Deconstructing some of the myths around men's vulnerability and addressing the need for a new narrative on HIV among men.

- **Mr Moagi KENOSI, Programme Planning Manager, National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency (NAHPA), also a board member, Botswana**
Botswana good practice on engagement with men. The power of high-level political engagement in delivering results.
- **Josefina Belmonte, Mayor of Quezon City, Quezon City Council, Philippines**
Setting up an enabling environment for services targeted men in urban areas. Focus on Men including KP.
- **Azvian Hamzah, Inti Muda, Indonesia**
The lived experience of male community members in navigating HIV prevention and care services. Some solutions. Access to services is difficult and has bottlenecks.
- **Thanduxolo Doro, Civil Society Specialist, PEPFAR-USAID, Southern Africa**
The men's HIV services access gap as revealed by PEPFAR program data and the PHIA surveys. Some of the solutions that have been put in place as a result.

Remarks from the floor

Panel 2: (15:15 – 16:15)

[5 min per speaker]

What works in engaging men to enhance HIV services and better health outcomes

Aim: Perspectives on different populations of men to explore identified gaps across the HIV prevention, testing, treatment & care cascade, as well as human rights and gender; and showcase some good practices on engaging men to enhance uptake of HIV services and obtain better HIV intervention outcomes.

- *Luis Gomes, Director, CAS, **Collective Amigos Contra el SIDA (CAS), Guatemala**
Experience of Scaling up PrEP among MSM.*
- *Pr Ehui, Director National AIDS Programme, **Côte d'Ivoire**
Côte d'Ivoire recent experiences on law and policy reform to scale up IDU services specifically by CSO.*
- *Dr. Nittaya Phanupak, **Tangerine Clinic and the Institute of HIV Research and Innovation (IHRI), Thailand**
Addressing the surge of new HIV infections among young men including transgender and injecting drug users.*
- *Professor Twaha Kigongo Kaawaase, First Deputy Premier (Katikkiro) of the Kingdom of Buganda, also Minister in charge of Administration, ICT, Innovations and Transparency, **Kingdom of Buganda, Uganda**
The power of multi-sectorial approaches, including cultural and traditional approaches, to tackle men's health issues on HIV and beyond.*

Remarks from the floor

Conclusion and ways forward (16:15 – 16:30)

- **UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director Programme a.i.**
Eamonn Murphy