"I call on all nations to unite at the High Level Meeting on AIDS. Together we can chart the future of the AIDS response."

H.E. Mr Joseph Deiss President of the 65th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

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Number of years of the AIDS epidemic

30 million

Number of people that have died of AIDS since the beginning of the epidemic

33.3 million

Number of people living with HIV

50%

Percentage of people living with HIV who are women and girls

5.2 million

Number of people on HIV treatment

7 100

Number of people infected with HIV each day

33

Number of countries that have reduced the rate of new infections by at least 25%

25%

Percent reduction in prevalence among young people in 15 of the most severely affected countries

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Thirty years into the AIDS epidemic, and 10 years since the landmark UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS, the world will come together to review progress and chart the future course of the global AIDS response at the 2011 UN General Assembly High Level Meeting on AIDS from 8–10 June 2011 in New York.

Member States are expected to adopt a new Declaration that will reaffirm current commitments and commit to actions to guide and sustain the global AIDS response.

Evidence from the AIDS response has never been more compelling. New UNAIDS data clearly show that steady progress is being made towards zero new infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths through universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.

The gains are real, but fragile and have not reached everyone in need. There are still 10 million people waiting for HIV treatment. And for every one person starting treatment, two people become infected. Stigma and discrimination continue to be obstacles.

Accelerating progress will require global solidarity and partnership—especially now in times of fiscal austerity. Countries face new opportunities and challenges through such issues as innovative financing, technology transfer and the integration of AIDS and health and other services.

The 2011 High Level Meeting on AIDS is a unique global opportunity for partners to meet and move the AIDS agenda forward.

For more information on the 2011 UN General Assembly High Level Meeting on AIDS go to unaids.org. "The 2011 High-Level Meeting on AIDS comes at a pivotal moment in the history of the epidemic. Thirty years into the AIDS response, let us unite for universal access. Let us, once and for all, set the course for zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination, and zero AIDSrelated deaths."

Mr Ban Ki-Moon Secretary-General of the United Nations

"We all need to answer this call to action. We can unite for universal access and unite with the 33.3 million people living with HIV. The decisions made at this High Level Meeting on AIDS will change lives today and for future generations."

Mr Michel Sidibé
Executive Director of UNAIDS

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