

PRESS STATEMENT

UNAIDS congratulates Senegal's President on his election as chair of NEPAD's Orientation Committee

Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki re-elected as NEPAD's CEO

GENEVA, 1 February 2013—The United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) applauds Senegalese President Macky Sall on his election as chairperson of the New Partnership for Africa's Development's (NEPAD) Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee. The election took place on the fringes of the African Union Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The high level body of 20 African leaders provides leadership and policy guidance to NEPAD.

"I congratulate President Sall on his election to this position which is key to the future of health and development in Africa," said Michel Sidibé, UNAIDS Executive Director. "NEPAD is a critical partner of UNAIDS and is helping to drive the AIDS response forward on the continent."

NEPAD in close cooperation with the African Union Commission, and with technical support of UNAIDS is developing the first ever accountability report on AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria in Africa, under the G8-Africa framework for 2013.

The report will assess progress, achievements and shortcomings in delivering commitments made by Africa and the G8 on the three diseases since African Union Heads of State and Government adopted the *Abuja Declaration on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB) and Other Infectious Diseases* in 2001.

President Sall has been an important supporter of the AIDS response. Under his leadership, Senegal's HIV response has continued to make progress. HIV prevalence is low and the country has made major efforts in the past five years to scale-up access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.

NEPAD members also re-elected Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki as Chief Executive Officer. The former Prime Minister of Niger has had a pivotal role in developing the African Union *Roadmap on Shared Responsibility and Global Solidarity* which calls for innovative solutions to accelerate the response to AIDS, TB and malaria.

Last year, UNAIDS and NEPAD signed a memorandum of understanding calling for strategic collaboration to advance sustainable responses to HIV, health and development across Africa.

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