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UNAIDS and Lancet to bring together political and health leaders to shape the debate on the future of global health

Commissioners announced ahead of first meeting of the UNAIDS and Lancet Commission: From AIDS to Sustainable Health to be held in Lilongwe, Malawi on 28-29 June

Geneva/Lilongwe, 19 June 2013—Ahead of the first meeting of the UNAIDS and Lancet Commission: *From AIDS to Sustainable Health*, the esteemed Commissioners who will be working together on HIV and global health in the post-2015 debate have been announced.

More than 30 Commissioners, including heads of state, policy makers, people living with HIV, development experts, scientists, young people, AIDS advocates and private sector leaders, will come together for the first time in Lilongwe, Malawi on 28-29 June to explore how the AIDS response can be used to shape the future of global health.

“This is the first time that such a diverse group of experts has been brought together for frank discussions about the future of global health,” said Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of UNAIDS. “We will be encouraging them to think about what will it take to reach the end of AIDS; how the AIDS response can serve as a transformative force in our approach to global health; and how to modernize the global AIDS architecture for a more equitable, effective and sustainable future for global health.”

The Commission is co-chaired by Malawi President Joyce Banda, African Union Commission Chairperson Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Director Peter Piot. Its aim is to catalyse expertise and political momentum to shape the debate on the future of health in the post-2015 development agenda and accelerate progress towards the end of AIDS.

Drawing from the pioneering experience of the global AIDS response, during the meeting in Malawi, the Commissioners will be encouraged to engage in informal and dynamic dialogue. By exchanging perspectives, exploring options and seeking consensus, Commissioners will begin extracting the lessons learnt from the AIDS response to be used in the transformation of global health and development in the post-2015 debate.

During the meeting a high-level roadmap for the continued work of the Commission will be developed. A preliminary version of the Commission report will be prepared by a team of expert writers who will work closely with the Commissioners and other key stakeholders over the coming months. A draft of the report will be considered in the second and final meeting of the Commission at the beginning of 2014.

For more information on the *UNAIDS and Lancet Commission* and list of Commissioners go to: <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/campaigns/post2015/>

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UNAIDS and Lancet Commission: From AIDS to Sustainable Health

The UNAIDS and Lancet Commission: From AIDS to Sustainable Health was launched in May 2013 and is co-Chaired by President Joyce Banda, Chairperson Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma and Professor Peter Piot. Drawing from the pioneering experience of the global AIDS response, the Commission brings together heads of state, policy makers, people living with HIV, development experts, young people and private sector leaders. The Commission aims to catalyse expertise and political momentum to shape the debate on the future of health in the post-2015 development agenda and accelerate progress towards the end of AIDS.

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