The role of parliaments in addressing inequalities to end AIDS by 2030

Side event to the United Nations High-Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS

7 June 2021, 9:00 – 10:30 EDT (New York), 15:00 – 16:30 CEST (Geneva)

Programme

Opening	
15:00 – 15:02 CEST	**Introduction by the moderator** Ms. Petra Bayr, Member of the IPU Advisory Group on Health; Member of Parliament, Austria
15:02 – 15:05 15:05 – 15:07	**Welcoming remarks** • Mr. Duarte Pacheco, President, IPU • Mr. Mitch Fifield, Ambassador; Co-facilitator of the High-Level Meeting
15:07 – 15:12 15:12 – 15:15	**Keynote presentation** • Ms. Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director, UNAIDS • Mr. Marc Angel, UNAIDS Champion; Member of the European Parliament
15:15 – 15:18	**The power of parliaments in ending AIDS by 2030** TBC

Panel discussion: Strengthening the HIV response through equity	
15:18 – 15:50	Panelists: • Ms. Barbara Lee, Member, United States House of Representatives • Ms. Sylvia Mthethwa, Senator, Kingdom of Eswatini; Vice-Chairperson on Health, Labour and Social Affairs at the Pan African Parliament (PAP) • Mr. Charles Goerens, Member of the European Parliament • Ms. Felicita Hikuam, Director, AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA)

Interactive discussion with all participants	
15:50 – 16:25	Guiding questions: • How can parliaments contribute to the achievement of the new Global AIDS Strategy and ensure adequate investment in HIV and health? • How are inequalities driving the HIV epidemic? What is the impact of law on the HIV response and how can legislation support the commitments emerging from the High-Level Meeting to end AIDS by 2030? • What lessons can be drawn from the colliding HIV epidemic and COVID-19 pandemic and how can parliaments ensure that COVID-19 response and recovery plans support the HIV response?

Closing	
16:25 – 16:30	**Closing remarks** Mr. José Ignacio Echániz, Vice-Chair of the IPU Advisory Group on Health; Member of Parliament, Spain