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# 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

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| 15:00 – 15:02 CEST             | <b>Introduction by the moderator</b><br>Ms. Petra Bayr, Member of the IPU Advisory Group on Health;<br>Member of Parliament, Austria   |
| 15:02 – 15:05<br>15:05 – 15:07 | <b>Welcoming remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Duarte Pacheco, President, IPU</li><li>• Mr. Mitch Fifield, Ambassador; Co-facilitator of the High-Level Meeting</li></ul>            |
| 15:07 – 15:12<br>15:12 – 15:15 | <b>Keynote presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director, UNAIDS</li><li>• Mr. Marc Angel, UNAIDS Champion; Member of the European Parliament</li></ul> |
| 15:15 – 15:18                  | <b>The power of parliaments in ending AIDS by 2030</b><br>Ms. Barbara Lee, Member, United States House of Representatives<br>(video message)   |

### Panel discussion: Strengthening the HIV response through equity

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| 15:18 – 15:50 | <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Sylvia Mthethwa, Senator, Kingdom of Eswatini; Vice-Chairperson on Health, Labour and Social Affairs at the Pan African Parliament (PAP)</li><li>• Mr. Charles Goerens, Member of the European Parliament</li><li>• Ms. Felicita Hikuam, Director, AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA)</li></ul> |
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### Interactive discussion with all participants

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| 15:50 – 16:25 | <b>Guiding questions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How can parliaments contribute to the achievement of the new Global AIDS Strategy and ensure adequate investment in HIV and health?</li><li>• 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?</li><li>• 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?</li></ul> |
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### Closing

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| 16:25 – 16:30 | <b>Closing remarks</b><br>Mr. José Ignacio Echániz, Vice-Chair of the IPU Advisory Group on Health; Member of Parliament, Spain |
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