

Executive Director

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Dear civil society colleagues and friends,

I am writing to seek your help in the updating and extending of the UNAIDS Strategy for 2016-2021. As many of you know, the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB), including its civil society representation, requested us to update and extend the UNAIDS 2011-2015 Strategy through the 'Fast-Track' period 2016-2021. The decision of the PCB was underpinned by a reaffirmation of our common vision of the Three Zeros and the strategic directions in the current UNAIDS Strategy.

The update will reflect the implications of the new data and analysis in recent UNAIDS reports (the Gap report, Fast Track report and Cities report), which demonstrate the urgent need for accelerated investment and action in the next few years, based on regional variations, to enable countries to end the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030. Operationalizing the Fast-Track approach, helping multiple stakeholders in countries implement more strategic delivery of scaled-up services, will be the centrepiece of the revised Strategy.

As you will recall, the current UNAIDS Strategy was developed through an inclusive and consultative process. I want the process for the UNAIDS Strategy 2016-2021 to be as inclusive and consultative. This is key to preserve the progressive elements of the current Strategy but also to update it to reflect current realities based on the creative thinking and experience of communities.

There are several ways to have input into the process to update the Strategy. A virtual consultation will be launched on 23 March (unaidsstrategy2021.org). It can be complemented by input through the PCB NGO Delegation in the regional and global multistakeholder consultations.


I would also appreciate your perspectives on:

- Key strategic elements of our current Strategy that should be central to or updated for the next iteration of our Strategy;
- Critical strategic gaps in our current Strategy that should be included in the updated 2016-2021 Strategy, particularly with its Fast Track focus.

I welcome succinct feedback on these two questions. A page of strategic points would be appreciated and of most use at this point in our reflections. Please send your input to Strategydevelopment@unaids.org.

I am looking forward to your suggestions and working with you all to develop our UNAIDS Strategy 2016-21.

Yours sincerely,


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