

Rapporteur's report

Panel 2: Leadership of National AIDS Authorities

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Key Issues

- Country ownership (recognition of the role of the MoH)
- Exceptionality of HIV
- Multi-sectoral and multi-dimensional response
- 3 Ones principles
- Flexibility in the modelling national coordination of HIV response; no "one size fits all"
- Involvement of civil society, incl. marginalised communities
- Capacity building and empowerment of civil society organisations and marginalised communities

Challenges

- CCMs are often not perceived as country-owned structures
- Misunderstanding of the function of the CCM
- Misunderstanding of and contradiction in relationship between CCM and NAA
- Representation from stigmatised and criminalised groups in CCM and NAA

Conclusions and Recommendations

- Reinforce country ownership
- Use existing structures when possible
- Non-negotiables for national coordination: Accountability, Transparency and Participation (participation of the marginalised groups)
- UNAIDS to facilitate harmonization and alignment
- UNAIDS to provide evidence to NAA to inform decision making
- NAA to create space for civil society to consolidate own agenda highlighting demands to NAA
- UNAIDS to facilitate participation of civil society, particularly marginalised groups, in NAA and CCM
- UNAIDS should invest more into capacity building of civil society