

# THEMATIC SEGMENT AGENDA

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DATE: 18 December 2025

VENUE: Royal Tulip Brasilia Alvorada Hotel, Brasilia, Brazil

TIME: 9h00 – 16h30

### **Key objectives and focus of the meeting:**

The thematic session will provide an opportunity for the PCB to discuss recent innovations of long- acting antiretroviral medicines and how rapid, equitable access to these medicines has the potential to close gaps in HIV prevention, treatment and care and advance the goal of ending AIDS as a public health threat.

The thematic segment will:

- Describe HIV prevention and treatment gaps in relation to the global targets in the context of current challenges in the HIV response.
- Outline the added value of long acting antiretrovirals in boosting outcomes of HIV prevention and HIV treatment programmes, focusing on population groups, geographies and contexts with persistent difficulties in accessing and maintaining antiretroviral based prevention and antiretroviral treatment.
- Highlight the potential of long acting antiretrovirals to overcome barriers to access and retention which diminish effectiveness of HIV prevention and HIV care services.
- Discuss enablers and barriers to equitable, affordable and sustained access to innovative long-acting antiretrovirals in contexts with the greatest need, such as affordable pricing, regulatory barriers, and financing.
- Feature integrated service delivery models that embed a human rights and gender lens, as well as needs for additional research, data, and policy reform to inform rapid roll out.
- Emphasize the role of community led responses in supporting HIV prevention and care programs and advocating for access at scale.
- Propose strategies for ensuring equitable access to long acting antiretrovirals and make recommendations for action by the joint program, governments, global health organizations, advocacy groups, the pharmaceutical industry, and the scientific community.

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### Moderators:

- **Andy Seale**, Global Coordinator and Technical Officer, Department of HIV, tuberculosis, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections, WHO
- **Izukanji Sikazwe**, Head of HIV, Global Fund

### 09:00 – 09:30 Opening dialogue and keynote addresses

*The keynote speakers will provide “big picture” overview of the thematic segment strategic vision regarding the session objectives.*

- **Alexandre Padilha**, Minister of Health, Brazil **(TBC)**
- **Yvette Raphael**, Advocates for Prevention, South Africa **(TBC)**
- **Winnie Byanyima**, Executive Director, UNAIDS

### 09:30 – 10:30 Session overview

*This session will provide the main highlights from the thematic segment background note, with a particular focus on “setting the scene” to understand the evidence on the transformative potential of universal access to long acting ARVs and the enablers and barriers to equitable affordable sustained access.*

- **Theresa Kasaeva**, Director, Department on HIV, Tuberculosis, Hepatitis, and Sexually Transmitted Infections, WHO **(TBC)**
- **Mary Mahy**, Director, Data for Impact Practice, UNAIDS

### Remarks from the floor

### 10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

### 10:45 – 12:30 Panel 1: Perspectives on Long Acting antiretrovirals

*This session will feature a panel of speakers who will focus attention on the experiences of people at risk of and living with HIV, decision makers on policy and programme implementation.*

- **Panelists TBC**

### Remarks from the floor

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**14:00 – 15:30 Panel 2: Planning for access – what will it take?**

*In this session, a panel of speakers will discuss necessary steps to enable sustained access to long acting antiretrovirals.*

- **Panelists TBC**

**Remarks from the floor**

**15:30 – 16:00 Conclusions and the way forward**

*The concluding session will summarize the main messages from the thematic segment.*

- **Angeli Achrekar**, Deputy Executive Director for Programmes, UNAIDS

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