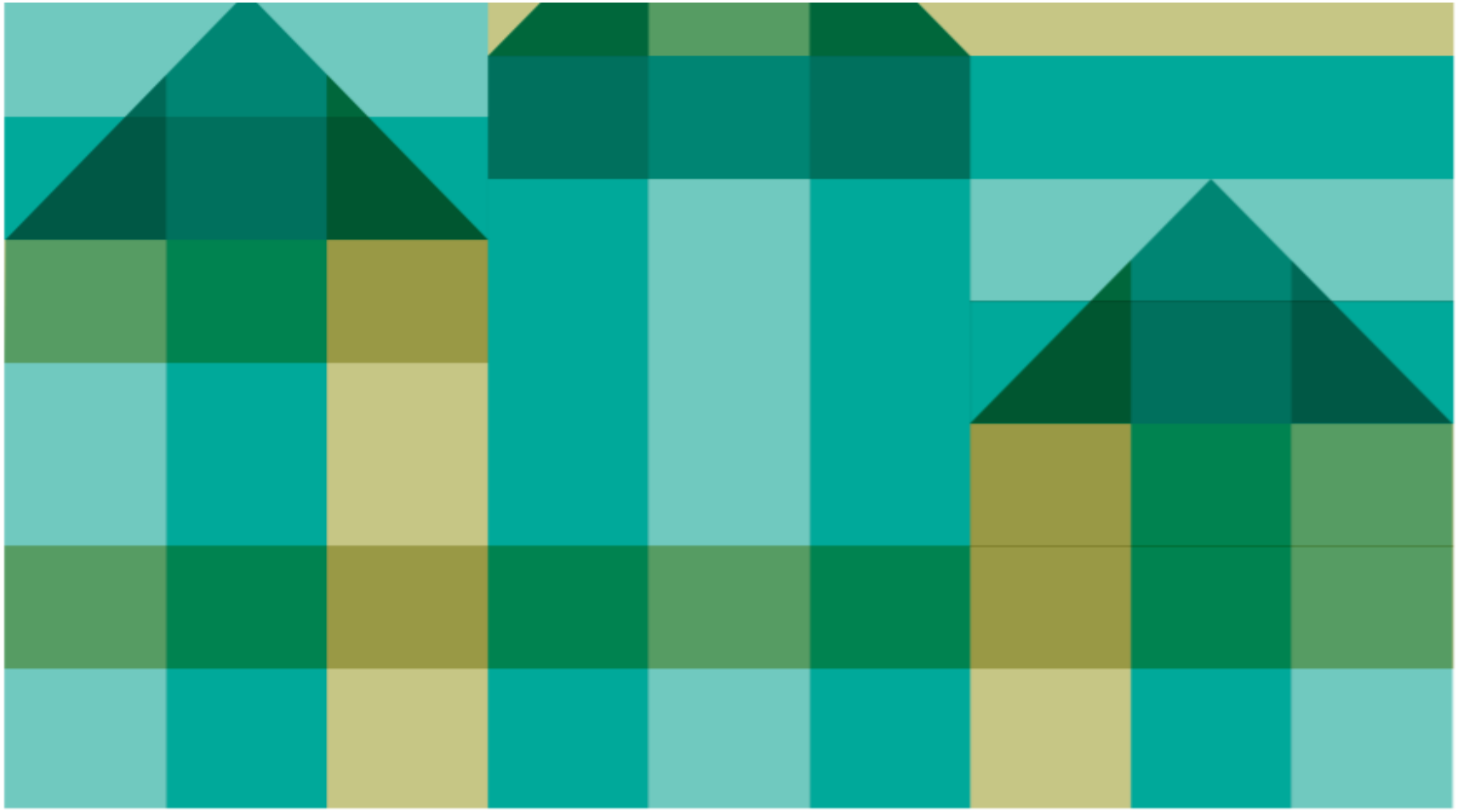
Follow Up to the Thematic Segment from the 41st PCB

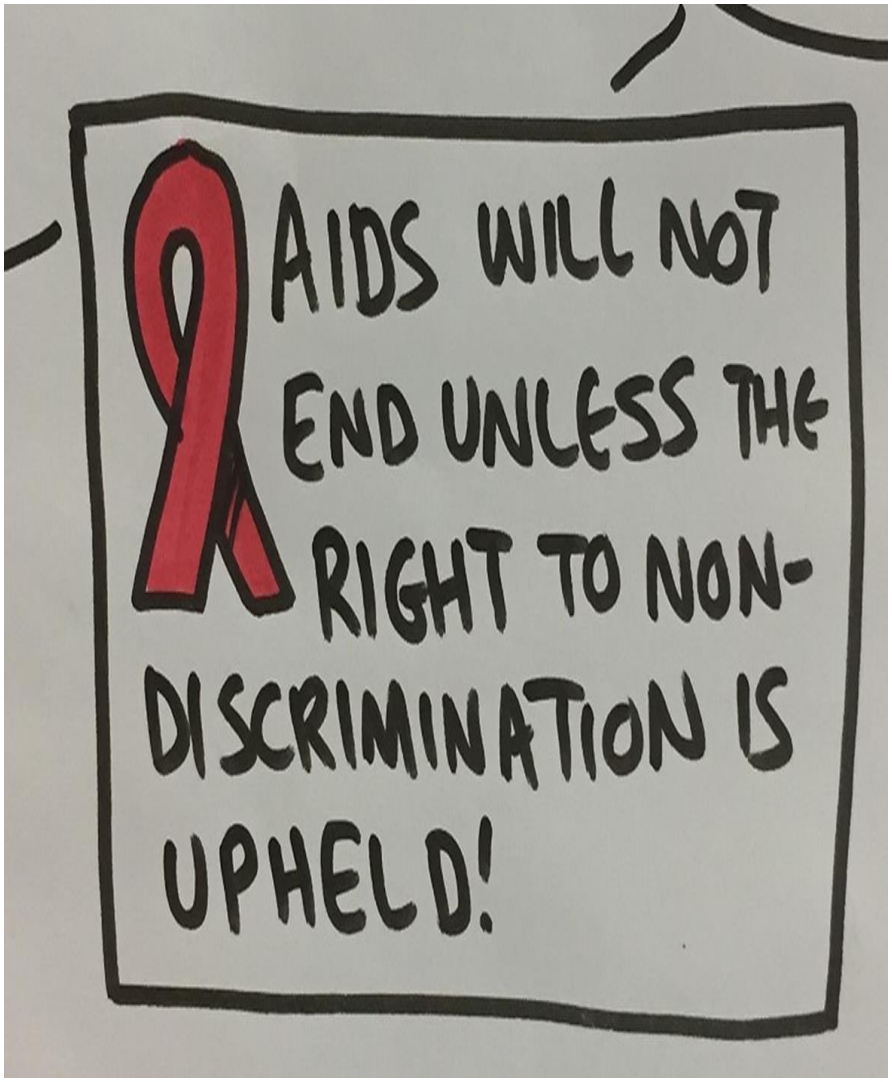
ZERO DISCRIMINATION IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS



Highlights of the discussions of 41st PCB thematic segment

- Review the evidence
- Identify and showcase good practices across sectors and regions;
- Galvanize action to end discrimination

UNAIDS



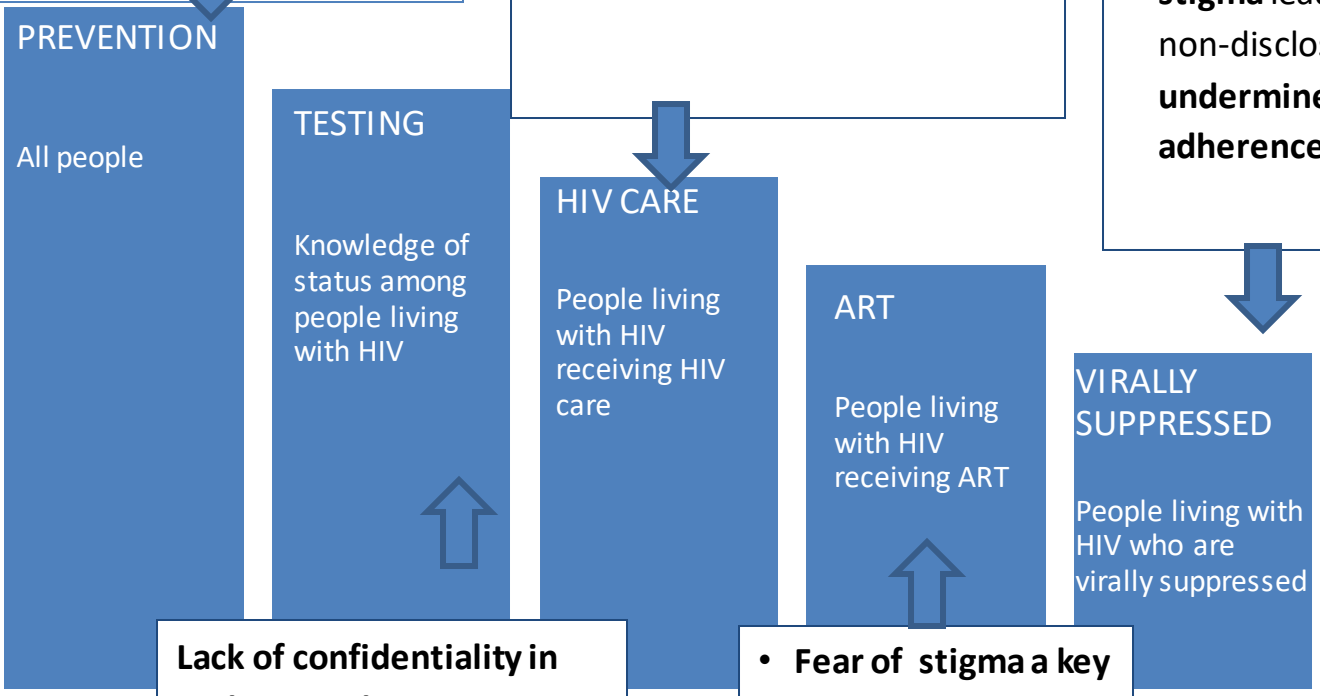
Confronting discrimination

Overcoming HIV-related stigma and discrimination in health-care settings and beyond

UNAIDS

Inclusion gaps

In some countries more than **40% of transgender persons report avoiding health-care facilities** because they fear stigma and discrimination.



- PLHIV who perceived **high HIV stigma** were **2.4 times more likely to present late for HIV care**

- **Stigma or fear of stigma** leading to non-disclosure **undermine ART adherence**

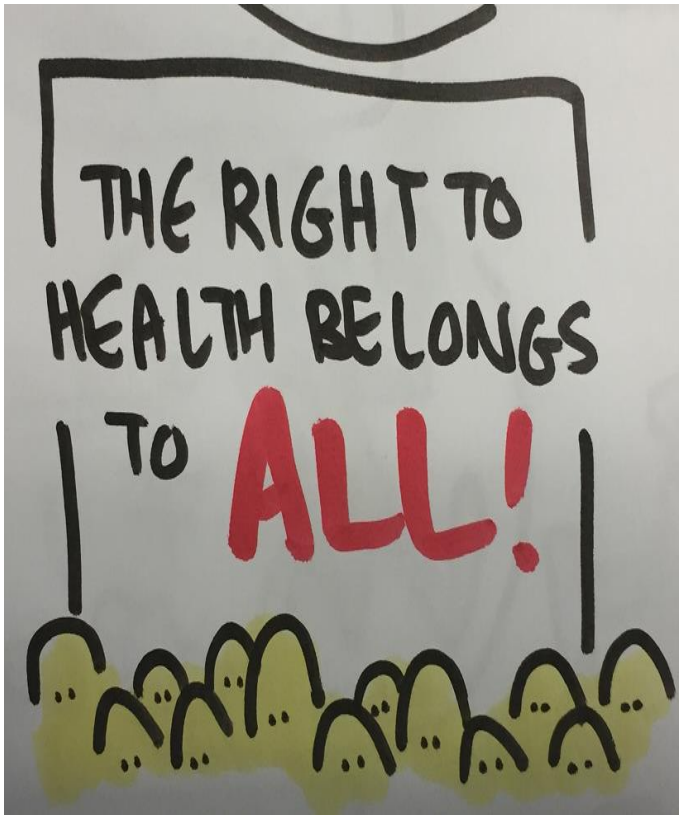
Lack of confidentiality in undermined HIV testing uptake in SSA countries

- **Fear of stigma a key barriers** to initiating **lifelong ART among pregnant women** living with HIV in some settings

UNAIDS

Personal experiences

- Women living with HIV
- Key populations
- Young people
- Health care providers



UNAIDS

What works: best practices

- Eliminating discrimination in health care is **actionable**

- Evidence shows that **key interventions work.** Importance of collecting evidence and M&E frameworks

- **Solutions** include:
  - Linking measuring levels of stigma to action: trainings and scale-up
  - Trainings of HCW across disciplines and different levels
  - Inclusive and rights-sensitive curricula for HCWs, responding to the needs and experiences of key populations
  - Reform laws, policies and regulations to enable stigma and discrimination-free health care

UNAIDS

What works: best practices

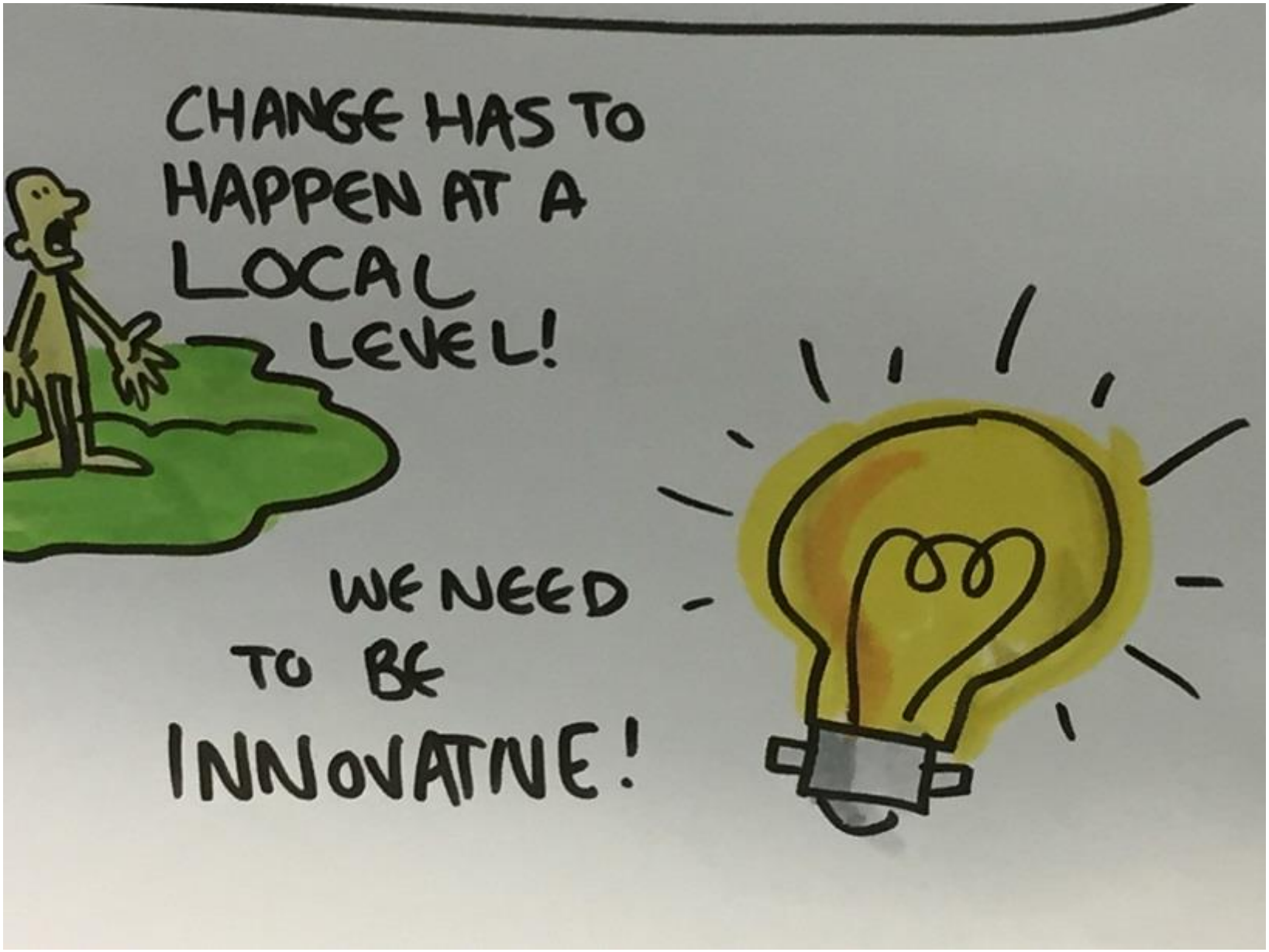
Investments in strategies to ensure users and providers of health services are **empowered and know their rights and responsibilities**

Investments in functional mechanisms for **accountability and redress**

- Role of national and regional human rights institutions and courts

- It takes **political will and multi-sectoral multi-stakeholder action.**
  - Students to professional associations
  - Joint UN statement to end discrimination in health care settings
  - Funding initiatives

UNAIDS


CHANGE HAS TO HAPPEN AT A LOCAL LEVEL!
WE NEED TO BE INNOVATIVE!

UNAIDS

The call for a global compact

Imperative to c**atalyze and accelerate implementation of commitments to end discrimination** and translate them into measurable policy change and programmatic interventions

Commitment to co-convene: UNAIDS, UNDP, UNWOMEN, GNP+

Consultations are underway

UNAIDS

Walking the talk

- **Galvanize action** oriented political commitment and linked-up actions

- **Accelerate implementation** and scale up programs towards ending all forms of HIV-related S&D;

- **Ensure accountability**: close the **data gap** to inform policy and program implementation and to demonstrate **measurable progress** toward reducing HIV-related S&D

UNAIDS