

THEMATIC SEGMENT AGENDA

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DATE: 12 December 2024

TIME: 9:00 – 17:00

The thematic segment will provide an opportunity for the PCB to discuss inequities and poor outcomes that are barriers to progress in HIV prevention, treatment and support services towards ending AIDS in children and adolescents by 2030.

In particular the thematic session will:

- Present an overview of progress towards global targets, persistent gaps and challenges in the response to AIDS in children and adolescents and showcase opportunities to focus on children and adolescent.
- Identify strategies, innovations and programme successes to accelerate HIV prevention, treatment, protection, care and support for pregnant women, children and adolescents.
- Showcase notable programme successes and factors that led to those drawing in part from the experiences of the Global Alliance countries.
- Suggest priority actions for the near future.

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Opening dialogue and keynote addresses (09:00 – 09:30)

Introduction by the moderators

- **Shaffiq Essajee**, Senior Adviser on HIV, Specialist in child health, UNICEF
- **Ikpeazu Akudo**, Team Lead / HIV, Tuberculosis, Hepatitis & STIs, WHO AFRO

Keynote addresses

Keynote addresses will provide big-picture strategic vision regarding the session objectives.

- **Angeli Achrekar**, Deputy Executive Director, (Programme) UNAIDS
- **Hon. Dr Aaron Motsoaledi**, Minister of Health, South Africa
- **Sitsope Adjovi Husunukpe**, Executive Director of the Positive Children, Adolescents and Youth Network (REAJIR+), Togo

Session overview (09:30 – 10:30)

This session will provide the main highlights from the thematic segment background note, with an analysis of the needs, gaps and challenges of an accelerated response to AIDS in children and adolescents, supported by the updated global epidemiological status of HIV among pregnant and breastfeeding women, children, and adolescent girls and boys.

1. Epidemiologic status of HIV among pregnant and breastfeeding women, children and adolescents: **Mary Mahy**, Director, Data for Impact, UNAIDS Secretariat
2. Highlights from thematic session background note: **Meg Doherty**, Director, Department of Global HIV, Hepatitis and Sexually Transmitted Infections Programmes, WHO

Remarks from the floor

Break (10:30 – 11:00)

Round table 1: Addressing remaining barriers to eliminating vertical transmission (eVT) of HIV (11:00 – 12:15)

In this session, a panel will discuss solutions for specific remaining challenges to eliminating vertical transmission of HIV, including triple elimination, showcasing notable examples, with a focus on data use, improved outreach to marginalized women, improving outcomes in adolescent girls and young women, and tackling incident HIV infection in pregnant and breastfeeding mothers.

1. Ensuring pregnant and breastfeeding women remain engaged in treatment care and support services. Best practices for reaching out to vulnerable and marginalized women using family and community-centred approaches: **Mariana Iacono**, ICW Latina, Argentina
2. Harnessing innovative products to optimize prevention of HIV acquisition during pregnancy and breastfeeding: Exploring the place of innovative HIV long-acting PrEP products, to protect women during the pregnancy and breastfeeding periods: **Dvora Joseph Davey**, Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation / University of Cape Town / UCLA, USA/South Africa
3. Achieving subnational certification for Elimination of Vertical transmission in Brazilian municipalities and states – field experience with vulnerable populations: **Artur Olhovetchi Kalichman**, Department of HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Viral Hepatitis, and Sexually Transmitted Infections, Brazil
4. Addressing the remaining barriers to eliminating vertical transmission (eVT) of HIV in Haiti: **Soeurette Policar**, Civil Society Forum Observatory, Haiti

Remarks from the floor

Lunch Break (12:15 – 13:30)

Round table 2: Addressing inequalities in access to treatment and care services for children and adolescents (13:30 – 14:45)

In this session, a panel will discuss solutions for specific remaining challenges to identifying and effectively treating children and adolescent girls and boys living with HIV.

1. Optimizing diagnosis for infants and young children with HIV exposure: Strategic approaches to identifying infants and children living with HIV during and after the breastfeeding period using data and data solutions: **Umahi Godwin**, Senior Technical Officer at EGPAF, Nigeria
2. Supporting access to HIV testing treatment and care for children: Experiences and best practices from Faith-Based Organizations: **Gibstar Makangila**, Circle of Hope, Zambia
3. Finding adolescents living with HIV and linking them to treatment through family and community-centered care and support: **Tumie Komanyane**, Frontline AIDS, Botswana
4. The marginalized among the left behind: Inequalities that are driving the gap in in treatment for children in Indonesia: **Ayu Oktariani**, Indonesia Positive Women Network (IPPI), Indonesia

Remarks from the floor

Break (14:45 – 15:15)

Round table 3: Financing the response to AIDS in children and adolescents (15:15 – 16:30)

This panel will discuss the critical needs for financial investment in ending AIDS in children, the funding gaps, and the opportunities.

1. South Africa's response to the AIDS epidemic among children: Funding the long last mile using smarter financing and smarter programming: **Thembisile Xulu**, SANAC, South Africa
2. Inequities in funding for mothers, children and adolescents: It's all about support systems! **Annah Page Sango**, GNP+, Member of the Coalition for Children Affected by AIDS, Zimbabwe
3. Pencil in the future: How could US funding of Global Health deliver SDGs for Children to end AIDS and preventable deaths: **Hilary Wolf**, PEPFAR.
4. Just in time! Renewed priorities for the paediatric HIV response at GATES: **Yogan Pillay**, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Remarks from the floor**Conclusion and ways forward (16:30 – 16:45)**

- **Lucy Wanjiku Njenga**, Executive Director, Positive Young Women Voices, Kenya
- **Christine Stegling**, Deputy Executive Director, Policy, Advocacy and Knowledge, UNAIDS

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