



# High-Level Meeting on AIDS

## END INEQUALITIES. END AIDS.

8-10 JUNE 2021

### GUIDANCE NOTE ON ORGANISING SIDE EVENTS

UNAIDS invites interested parties (member states, UN System organizations and NGOs/IGOs and partners) to organize a side event during the 2021 High-level Meeting on HIV/AIDS(HLM) following the guidelines below. Given the ongoing situation linked to COVID-19, it has been decided that all side-events, which are to be held on the margins of the 2021 High-level Meeting on AIDS will be held virtually.

#### THE MAIN EVENT

- The 2021 HLM on HIV/AIDS will be held from 8-10 June, the General Assembly plenary hours are 10:00-13:00 and 15:00- 18:00 New York time.
- The HLM programme includes an Opening segment, General Debate, five Thematic Panel Discussions and the Closing Session.
- UNAIDS is requesting partners to take note of and respect the General Assembly plenary timings as the five official thematic panels will be held consecutively during the plenary. Given the virtual nature of the 2021 HLM, there is **no restriction on the number** of side events.
- We encourage organisers that the side events should be open to all interested participants.

#### UNAIDS-LED/ PARTNERED EVENTS

- UNAIDS along with partners will be organizing a limited number of flagship side events, during 8-10 June, which will be held before the General Assembly plenary hours (08:00-09:30) and during the lunch period (13:15-14:45 pm). Details will be posted on the UNAIDS website <https://www.unaids.org/en/topic/HLM2021>.

#### ALL SIDE EVENTS

- Side events will be organized on the margins of the 2021 High-level Meeting on AIDS and can be sponsored by Member States, the UN system, Intergovernmental Organizations and other interested stakeholders. All non-state and non-UN actors can organize side events.
- Side events provide great opportunities to discuss the themes under review at the 2021 High-level Meeting on AIDS, deepen the discussion, identify new and emerging issues, facilitate the participation of diverse voices from communities and organisations working on the frontlines.
- Proposed side events are encouraged to help build greater awareness of the new global strategy and targets, bring fresh momentum to the HIV response and fresh commitment for keeping HIV high on the political agenda and to bring the global response back on track to meet the 2030 SDGs.
- Partners are welcome to organize side events even on Sunday, 6 June, Monday, 7 June and Friday, 11 June.
- **Please send us details on what you are planning to organize as soon as possible (and no later than 25 May2021) so that we can include it in our programme.**
- The organization of the side events will be the sole responsibility of the organizers, UNAIDS will not provide a platform to be used for side events or any logistics support etc. However, the full schedule of side events that have been confirmed in advance with UNAIDS will be posted as part of the 2021 High-level Meeting on AIDS on the UNAIDS website <https://www.unaids.org/en/topic/HLM2021>.
- Official interpretation or webcast services are not available for side events. Event organizers are encouraged to provide interpretation options for their side events.
- All queries related to side events should be addressed to: [hlm2021seq@unaids.org](mailto:hlm2021seq@unaids.org).