



High-Level Meeting on AIDS  
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# HIGH-LEVEL SIDE EVENT

## Ending TB deaths among people with HIV:

### STEP UP THE MOMENTUM



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**Date:** Monday, 7 June 2021, 14:00-16:00 (CEST), 08:00-10:00 (EDT)

#### Background:

Despite significant scale-up of antiretroviral therapy, tuberculosis still accounts for a third of AIDS deaths and remains the main cause of hospitalization and in-hospital mortality among people living with HIV. Post-mortem studies suggest that over 40% of facility-based AIDS deaths are caused by TB, which is undiagnosed at the time of death in nearly half of the cases.

At the United Nations High-Level Meeting on AIDS in 2016, Member States committed to reducing TB-related AIDS deaths by 75% by 2020, compared with 2010. Globally, deaths have reduced by 63% in 2019 but with considerable variation across regions and countries. At the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on TB in 2018, Member States committed to providing TB preventive treatment to at least 6 million people with HIV by 2022, and 88% of this five-year target has been achieved by end of 2019.

The Global AIDS Strategy 2021- 2026 highlights the critical need to ramp up the response to HIV-associated TB. It calls for an 80% reduction in TB deaths among people with HIV by 2020 compared with 2010; for 90%

of people living with HIV to receive TB preventive treatment; and for 90% of patients entering care through HIV or TB services to be referred for TB and HIV testing and treatment at an integrated, co-located or linked health care facility.

Since 2019, the impact of COVID-19 has taken its toll on health system capacity to deliver essential diagnostic, treatment and prevention services for TB and HIV. On the other hand, COVID-19 has also catalysed out-of-the-box thinking and innovations on research and development, service delivery, digital health and community ownership.

The 2021 High-Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS provides a unique opportunity to review lessons learnt in the response to HIV-associated TB since 2016, and to catalyse joint action from governments to meet the new targets within the context of COVID-19. As UN Member States gear up for the adoption of a new HLM declaration, TB - the primary cause of mortality among people with HIV, which is preventable and curable, cannot be ignored and bold action is needed.

**Objectives:** To provide a platform for Member States to reassert their commitment to ending TB deaths among people living with HIV and to deliberate on how they will intensify the response to HIV associated TB within the context of COVID-19.

**Expected outcomes:** An increased profile and emphasis on HIV-associated TB at the UN High-Level Meeting. A demonstrated high-level commitment from participating UN Member States and TB and HIV/AIDS stakeholders to fast track action to end TB deaths among people living with HIV. Planned action from key Member States to intensify scale-up of TB diagnosis, treatment and prevention interventions.

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

OPENING SESSION		
08:00 (EDT) 14:00 (CEST)	OPENING REMARKS	<p><b>UNHLM Co-Facilitator</b>  <b>Representatives:</b> <b>Kalumbi Shangula</b>, Minister of Health of Namibia and <b>Stephanie Williams</b>, Australian Ambassador for Regional Health Security</p> <p><b>Zsuzsanna Jakab</b>, Deputy Director-General, World Health Organization</p> <p><b>Professor Peng Liyuan</b>, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for TB and HIV and First Lady of China</p> <p><b>Shannon Hader</b>, Deputy Executive Director, UNAIDS</p>
08:30 (EDT) 14:30 (CEST)	SETTING THE SCENE	<b>Tereza Kasaeva</b> , Director of the Global TB Programme, WHO
MINISTERIAL PANEL		
Moderated by Meg Doherty, Director of Global HIV, hepatitis and STIs Programmes, WHO		
08:35 (EDT) 14:35 (CEST)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Budi Gunadi Sadikin</b>, Minister of Health, Indonesia <i>Perspective from Indonesia</i></li> <li><b>Zweli Mkhize</b>, Minister of Health, South Africa (TBC) <i>Perspective from South Africa</i></li> <li><b>Osagie Ehanire</b>, Minister of Health, Nigeria <i>Perspective from Nigeria</i></li> </ul>	

## STAKEHOLDER PANEL

Moderated by Tereza Kasaeva, Director of the Global TB Programme, WHO

08:50 (EDT)  
14:50 (CEST)

- **Meirinda Sebayang**, TB/HIV Patient Advocate
- **Kerry Pelzman**, United States Agency for International Development
- **Peter Sands**, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria
- **Angeli Achrekar**, President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
- **Lucica Ditiu**, Stop TB Partnership
- **Hank Tomlinson**, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

09:50 (EDT)  
15:50 (CEST)

**Wrap-up of discussion and conclusion**

**Ren Minghui**, *Assistant Director-General, Universal Health Coverage Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases, WHO*



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