

# UN General Assembly High Level Meeting on AIDS June 8-10, 2011



## Current Commitments:

"We must...develop with equal urgency better tools – drugs, diagnostics and prevention technologies, including vaccines and microbicides – for the future."

*2006 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS (A/Res/60/262, Para 15)*

"We...Commit ourselves to intensifying investment in and efforts towards the research and development of new, safe and affordable HIV/AIDS-related medicines, products and technologies, such as vaccines, female-controlled methods and microbicides..."

*2006 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS*

"Prevention programmes ... should promote policies that ensure effective prevention and accelerate research and development into new tools for prevention, including microbicides and vaccines."

*Outcome document of The High-Level Meeting on MDGs*

## Background:

Achieving universal access to HIV prevention, treatment and care by 2015 and beyond will require the scale-up of effective treatment and prevention interventions currently available, as well as the development and delivery of new prevention options. Access to antiretroviral (ARV) treatment has been significantly expanded, but new HIV infections continue to outpace the number of people living with HIV placed on treatment: for every one person newly placed on treatment, two others are infected. Additional, long-term, sustainable and equitable prevention options are critically needed — particularly methods that women, youth, and most at-risk populations can access, initiate, and afford.

The global investment in HIV prevention research is achieving results. Recent scientific breakthroughs over the past 18 months in the development of new HIV prevention interventions – including efficacy of a tenofovir-based vaginal microbicide gel and oral pre-exposure ARV prophylaxis (PrEP), as well as positive results in the large AIDS vaccine trial in Thailand, known as RV144 — have excited much optimism.

We must reinvigorate efforts to prevent new HIV infections and halt and reverse the AIDS pandemic by reaffirming previous commitments to accelerate the development of and access to these critically needed new prevention options.

## Proposed language for inclusion in relevant documents of the UN High-Level Meeting on the Comprehensive Review on HIV/AIDS:

*"We commit to intensify investment in the research, development and delivery of critically needed new prevention options, including microbicides, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and an AIDS vaccine, while making maximum use of the effective prevention and treatment strategies already available.*

*Engagement of all countries, especially those most burdened by the pandemic, will continue to be essential in research efforts to ensure that new technologies are both acceptable and accessible to those in greatest need."*



## Endorsing Organizations

African and Black Diaspora Global Network on HIV and AIDS (ABDGN)  
AIDS Foundation of Chicago  
AIDS Prevention Society (APS)  
AIDS Treatment Advocates Coalition (ATAC)  
AIDS United  
AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (AVAC)  
AIDS-Fondet  
AidsFonds  
Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED)  
Deutsche AIDS-Stiftung (DAS)  
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation  
Equilibres & Populations (E&P)  
Faith and Hope Association (FAHA / RAVANE+)  
Family Health International (fhi)  
Freedom Foundation  
German Foundation for World Population (DSW)  
Global Health Council (GHC)  
Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise  
Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+)  
Grupo de Incentivo a Vida (GIV)  
Grupo Português de Activistas sobre Tratamentos de VIH/SIDA Pedro Santos (GAT)  
HIV Prevention Justice Alliance (HIV PJA)  
Interagency Coalition on AIDS Development (ICAD)  
International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI)  
International Partnership for Microbicides (IPM)  
International Rectal Microbicide Advocates (Irma)  
International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)  
International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC)  
IntraHealth International, Inc.  
Microbicides Society of India (MSI)  
National AIDS Trust (NAT)  
Planeta Salud  
Population Council  
Sensoa  
SexogPolitikk  
SOS Foundation  
Solidarity and Action Against the HIV Infection in India (SAATHII)  
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)  
The Black AIDS Institute (BAI)  
Uganda Young Positives (UYP)  
Y.R. Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research & Education (Y.R.G. CARE)