CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Multi-Stakeholder Task Force
for the 2021 High-Level Meeting on AIDS

I. Background

On 23 February, the General Assembly adopted resolution 75/260 on the organization of the 2021 High-Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS (HLM). The resolution calls for the HLM to be held on 8-10 June 2021 and invites Member States to participate at the HLM at the highest level. The resolution requests the President of the General Assembly (PGA) to organize and preside over an interactive multi-stakeholder hearing (MSH) with the participation of communities and other stakeholders to be held no later than April 2021, as well as envisages other opportunities of their participation during the preparation process and during the HLM itself. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is likely that the MSH will be held in virtual mode, while the HLM will take a hybrid form.

To facilitate civil society involvement and ensure an open, transparent and participatory process, UNAIDS will form a *Multistakeholder Task Force* (MSTF) comprised of representatives from civil society and the private sector by end of March. The Task Force will advise UNAIDS, as the lead substantive UN entity, and through it, the Office of the President of the General Assembly, regarding the format, theme and programme of the multi-stakeholder hearing (MSH), as well as help identify speakers for the MSH and HLM plenary and panel discussions.

Task Force representatives will work with UNAIDS in developing key aspects of the High-Level Meeting. The role of representatives will be unpaid, but expenses and travel, if needed, will be met by UNAIDS. (**see Annex 1)**

Different constituency networks are being requested to use their own networks and selection processes to **nominate individuals** to be considered for the Task Force. UNAIDS and the PCB NGO Delegation will use the overall criteria set out below to select **16 individuals** for each of the categories of members.

- One representative openly living with HIV from networks of people living with HIV
- One representative openly living with HIV from networks of women living with HIV
- One representative openly living with HIV from networks of young people living with HIV
- One representative from each of the key populations (people who use drugs, sex workers, transgender people, gay bisexual, and other mem who have sex with men, people in prison settings)
- One member of the UNAIDS PCB NGO delegation
- A representative from a women's organization, particularly working on sexual and reproductive health and rights
- A representative from a young's people organization, particularly working on sexual and reproductive health and rights
- A representative from the private sector
- A representative from a faith-based organization
- A representative from networks or organizations of indigenous peoples

- A representative from networks or organizations of persons with disabilities.
- A representative from an organization working with Tuberculosis and HIV

II. Nomination Process and Deadline

Civil society networks and relevant stakeholders will be asked to submit nominations, providing the following information:

- Name, contact information (email and telephone), organizational affiliation.
- Nationality
- Country of residence
- Gender identity
- Belonging to key populations community
- Race/ethnicity
- Age
- Area of expertise or experience (e.g. prevention, treatment, sex work, youth etc).
- List constituency networks representing or linked with.
- Details of previous experience/involvement, if any, in the UN General Assembly AIDS Review or any other UN-led meeting
- Capacity to work in English (speak, read and write working level proficiency) or having a designated person with capacity to work in English to support answering emails, working in documents, and participating in calls and virtual meetings.
- Confirmation of availability to participate in the meetings and contribute with urgent and extensive workload.

Final selection will be based on the information provided above and the overall balance of experience and representation, including:

- Regional geographic representation
- Gender balance
- Belonging to key populations and other affected communities, racial/ethnicity and age diversity
- Ability to represent an organization or constituency.
- Representation of stakeholders in all aspects of the response including care, treatment, prevention and stigma eradication.
- Ability to work in English (speak, read and write working level proficiency) or having a designated a person able to work in English to support answering emails, working in documents, and participating in calls and virtual meetings.
- In consideration with GIPA principle, at least five people openly living with HIV will be selected. **Nominations of people living with HIV are highly encouraged.**

The **DEADLINE** for nominations is **16 March 2021 at 18.00 CET.** Completed nomination form must be submitted through the following link https://forms.gle/cJjTVZi1k6n4p2Vz8. In case of questions, please

send an email to euzebiodelimac@unaids.org. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered.

III. Timeline

- 9 March 2021 – Call for nominations for the MSTF is launched
- 16 March 2021 – Period for nominations closes
- 16-19 March 2021 –UNAIDS and the PCB NGO Delegation reviews nominations
- 22 March – MSTF list is made available and UNAIDS will send letters of appointment to the individual members selected.

Annex 1. Process of work and responsibilities of the members of the Multi-Stakeholder Task Force (MSTF)

UNAIDS, working in close collaboration with a selected NGO, will act as the secretariat of the MSTF.

The Multi-Stakeholder Task Force will be co-chaired by the UNAIDS Chief of the Community Mobilization Unit, one member from an organization from the global south and one member from an organization from the global north.

Task Force members will be selected on the understanding that they can commit to volunteer the appropriate time and effort between the date of their appointment and the end of June 2021. A heavy workload is expected for the group especially during the six-week period of organization of the Multi-Stakeholder hearing. All MSTF members will work in English.

Responsibilities of Task Force Members

The Task Force will work by conference calls and emails, with a small possibility of face-to-face meeting(s) in New York (TBC), as appropriate and feasible.

The Task Force will advise UNAIDS, as the lead substantive UN entity, and through it, the Office of the President of the General Assembly, among other things:

- Designing the Multi-Stakeholder Hearing (MSH), including format, topics, messages, and provide input to President's MSH Summary Report.
- Devising selection criteria and the call for nominations for civil society and all relevant stakeholder speakers
- Identifying, recommending, preparing and briefing civil society and relevant stakeholder speakers for all MSH and HLM interventions
- Briefing civil society and relevant stakeholder participants during the High-Level Meeting.
- Issues related to accreditation and attendance by civil society and all relevant stakeholders
- The themes of the formal panel-session discussions
- Civil society and relevant stakeholder participation in the formal session discussions
- Proposed plenary speakers living with HIV
- Development of key messages and communications related to the engagement of civil society
- Identify logistical issues and needs for civil society and relevant stakeholders attending the HLM

Communications

a) With civil society and relevant stakeholders:
The Task Force will develop a short summary public report after each conference call and in-person meeting (if any) to brief civil society and relevant stakeholders at large. The Task Force will

also work with UNAIDS and the PCB NGO Delegation to provide regular updates about the process, upcoming opportunities, etc.

b) With other UN partners:
The Task Force will invite representatives from DESA, DGC, focal points from UNAIDS Co-Sponsors, the High-Level Meeting Co-Facilitators, and others as required and appropriate.

The communication and consultation outlined above will be aimed to share timely and accurate information about civil society and relevant stakeholder involvement in the Multi-Stakeholder Hearing and the High-Level Meeting, promoting meaningful participation of civil society and relevant stakeholders, and reaching out to gather input (e.g. ideas, suggestions, nominations) for the work of the Task Force.