

UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT

The President of the <u>General Assembly of the United Nations</u> organized an informal, interactive, civil society hearing on 6 April 2016 with the active participation of people living with HIV and broader civil society. The event was attended by representatives of United Nations Member and Observer States, observers, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, and the private sector.

This was an informal, interactive, civil society hearing in support of the preparatory process towards the high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS, which will result in the 2016 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS.

The hearing was held on 6 April 2016 at the Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY

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The purpose of the hearing was to set goals and develop a global United Nations policy to end AIDS in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Four panel presentations featured diverse geographical, gender, identity, and community panelists, both living with and affected by HIV. The themes were: 1. Financing the AIDS response and the cost of inaction; 2. Who is left behind? 3. Innovation, new and improved tools, approaches, and policies; and 4. Partnerships for success and the role of community responses for resilient health systems. The HIV and TB communities have set goals to end the twin epidemics by 2030. Better integration and collaboration are critical to reaching these goals, particularly given that TB is the leading cause of death among people living with HIV.