



World AIDS Day 2015 Meeting « Getting to Zero. Starting with Quality Education! »

1 December 2015, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Room IX
Agenda

There has been much success and many accomplishments in the global AIDS response. Since 2000, new HIV infections have fallen by 35%. In that same period the number of people on treatment has increased 20 fold to 15 million persons. And, 68 countries report non-discrimination laws for key populations. Together, these and other efforts have averted 7.8 million AIDS-related deaths since 2000.

But there is still unfinished business. There are an estimated 36.9 million people living with HIV in the world. Many of whom may not know their HIV status or how to prevent infection, are not receiving treatment, and are living in contexts of social and systematic stigma and discrimination. The accomplishments in the HIV response thus far show just how much we can achieve together. One area of unfinished business is that often adolescents and young people are being left behind in the HIV response. We need to increase their knowledge, develop their skills and enable them to access youth friendly services so that they can protect themselves and others. In the words of UN General Secretary Ban Ki-moon, "... we can set ambitious, even aspirational, goals, achieve them and then reach for more. Indeed, a new objective is now before us: ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030."

As the UNAIDS cosponsoring agency leading efforts to strengthen the education sector response to HIV, UNESCO is uniquely positioned to continue its leadership in ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030. This is recognised in the new 2016-2021 UNAIDS Strategy, which shows a renewed recognition of the reciprocal linkages between education and health, and the potential of the education sector to effect meaningful change in particular for preventing and treating HIV among adolescents and young people, and for addressing HIV-related stigma and discrimination.

Opening Remarks		
2:30 – 2:40	Welcome of participants, introductions, and opening remarks	Soo - Hyang Choi Director, Division for Teaching, Learning and Content, UNESCO
2:40 – 2:50	World Foundation for AIDS Research and Prevention	Prof. Luc Montagnier President, Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine
2:50 – 3:00	UNAIDS New Strategy 2016 - 2021	Kent Buse Chief, Strategic Policy Directions UNAIDS
3:00 – 3:10	UNESCO's Response to HIV and AIDS – progress and way forward	Chris Castle Chief, Section of Health and Global Citizenship Education, UNESCO
Session I		
3:10 – 3:30	HIV prevention: starting with education	Chris Castle Chief, Section of Health and Global Citizenship Education, UNESCO
Session II		
3:30 – 3:50	Ending stigma and discrimination in and through education	Christophe Cornu Team Leader, Respect for All in a Safe and Healthy Learning Environment, UNESCO
Session III		
3:50 – 4:10	Treatment and health literacy for lifelong healthy behaviours	Scott Pulizzi Team Leader, School Health Promotion, UNESCO
Interactive Session		
4:10 – 4:25	Questions, answers and discussion	Chris Castle Chief, Section of Health and Global Citizenship Education, UNESCO
Closing Remarks		
4:25 – 4:30	Summary and closure	Chris Castle Chief, Section of Health and Global Citizenship Education, UNESCO
Refreshments		