

III Latin American and Caribbean Forum
Road to Ending AIDS in LAC – Towards Sustainable Regional Fast Track Targets
Port-au-Prince, 6 -8 Novembre 2017
Propose Agenda

Introduction

Through the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: On the FastTrack to Accelerating the Fight against HIV and to Ending the AIDS Epidemic by 2030, the world has pledged within the Sustainable Development Goals to end the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030. Countries have committed to a “Fast-Track” approach from now until 2020, and reaffirm in the light of Addis Ababa Action Agenda concrete policies and actions to close the global HIV and AIDS resource gap and to fully fund the HIV and AIDS response with the target of ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030^{1,2}.

In 2014, countries of the Region of the Americas approved the Regional Strategy for Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage (Universal Health), adopting the right to health, equity, and solidarity, as core values³. The Universal Health strategy is based on four simultaneous, interdependent strategic lines: 1) Expanding equitable access to comprehensive, quality, people- and community-centered health services; 2) Strengthening stewardship and governance; 3) Increasing and improving financing with equity and efficiency, and advancing toward the elimination of direct payments that constitute a barrier to access at the point of service; 4) Strengthening multisectoral coordination to address the social determinants of health that ensure the sustainability of universal coverage.

Currently, several countries are working on a roadmap for the implementation of the Strategy for Universal Health understanding that “the segmentation and fragmentation observed in the majority of health systems in the Region result in inequity and inefficiency that compromises universal access, quality, and financing” and that “segmentation and fragmentation are perpetuated by a lack of regulatory capacity within health systems and by the vertical nature of some public health programs and their lack of integration at the service delivery level”. In this sense, the matter of how to integrate public health programs, like HIV/AIDS, is of crucial importance in the way forward in the direction of Universal Health.

¹ UNAIDS: Understanding Fast-track: Accelerating Action to End the AIDS Epidemic by 2030. (June 2015).

1a. UNAIDS: Ending AIDS. Progress towards the 90-90-90 target. (July 2017).

² On 28 May 2016, the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly endorsed the World Health Organization’s global health sector strategies to cover HIV, viral hepatitis, and sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The strategies cover the period 2016-2021 and propose a long-term goal of ending STIs, hepatitis and HIV as public health threats by 2030. Then in June, the General Assembly adopted the 2016 Political Declaration on HIV, which reaffirms the commitment to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030 as a legacy to present and future generations.

³ Organización Panamericana de la Salud. Estrategia para el acceso universal a la salud y la cobertura universal de salud. 53.º Consejo Directivo de la OPS, 66.ª Sesión del Comité Regional de la OMS para las Américas; del 29 de septiembre al 3 de octubre del 2014; Washington DC. Washington, DC: OPS; 2014 (resolución CD53.R14).

In 2015, the UNAIDS Fast Track update on investments needed in the AIDS response estimates that middle income countries will need to increase the international and domestic investments in HIV programmes by one third to achieve the 2020 targets⁴. The report also proposes that the cost of inaction would translate into significantly higher resource needs. Increasing importance is being placed on mitigation of the risk and vulnerabilities of decreasing international financing for HIV. At the same time, ensuring that the gains achieved in the HIV response over the last 30 years are resilient in the face of financial and economic threats is of critical importance. Notwithstanding the expressed need for more funds, there is an ongoing concomitant need to be cost-efficient in delivery of national responses. The UNAIDS 2016-2021 strategy calls for accelerated momentum in the HIV response over the five-year period to avoid reversing the gains of the last 30 years⁵. This included a strong political commitment to the 90-90-90 targets.

Furthermore, the presence and importance of international agencies in Latin America and the Caribbean has been disparate in supporting National HIV/AIDS programs. In some countries, the support of donors like the Global Fund and PEPFAR continues to be fundamental, but in many countries external aid is expected to decline due to economic growth that led countries to exceed eligibility thresholds. “Graduating” countries face transitional periods that require increased efforts to dedicate domestic resources to guarantee the continuation of HIV/AIDS programs. This expected phasing out of external aid has raised awareness on sustainability of priority programs internationally, with donors developing conceptual frameworks on sustainability and transition (see for example The Global Fund Sustainability, Transition and Co-financing Policy).

However, in the understanding that sustainability challenges go beyond the need to replace external aid with local resources, there is need to develop a more ample and multidimensional perspective, including the analysis of the advantages of the integration of priority programs into the health system with more “horizontal” structures. In this sense, there is a need for a new approach that articulates an integral approach to sustainability in the context of institutional and political characteristics of health systems transformations. In this sense, the Regional Strategy for Universal Health represents an indispensable reference framework to consider the most important challenges of health systems in the Region. For the past three years, the Latin America and Caribbean forums have facilitated the space for discussion among representatives from the Minister of Health of LAC countries, Donors, UN agencies, regional HIV experts and Civil Society contributing to the expansion of an effective HIV response in the region.

This third Forum on sustainability of the HIV response will provide a space for sharing information on national progress and preliminary results towards the achievement of the agreed “90-90-90” and the prevention and zero discrimination targets, challenges and unmet needs from the 2015 Rio Call to Action. It will also provide as space for sharing new scientific data, to support the implementation of cost effective and efficient interventions across the continuum of HIV prevention, care and treatment. Finally, it will facilitate a discussion around strategies and mechanisms to transition into nationally sustainable responses end AIDS as a public health problem in Latin America and the Caribbean by 2030.

⁴ UNAIDS: Fast-track Update on Investment needed in the AIDS Response. (2015). http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/documents/2016/unaids_fast-track_update_investments_needed

⁵ UNAIDS 2016–2021 Strategy: On the Fast-Track to End AIDS. (2015) http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/documents/2015/UNAIDS_PCB37_15-18

Overall Objective

To facilitate a space for discussion and generate consensus on regional priorities and strategies to support the rapid expansion of a sustainable, efficient, effective integrated and intersectoral HIV response for the achievement of Fast Track targets in Latin America and the Caribbean, aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS 2016 and the regional Universal Health Strategy.

Specific objectives

1. **To review progress** towards the commitments made during the 2014 “Mexico City Call to Action”, the 2015 “Rio Call to Action,” and for monitoring HIV Prevention, Stigma and Discrimination in the region.
2. **To promote dialogue** between national health and non-health actors and other stakeholders on priorities and strategies for a sustainable integrated and intersectoral HIV response towards the achievement of health and development targets.
3. **To discuss** with national health and non-health actors and other stakeholders on best practices to improve health system effectiveness and efficiency in the allocation of financial and non-financial resources for health and HIV, based on the evidence of successful experiences in LAC.
4. **To endorse** a set of recommendations (LAC III Forum Call to Action) for closing the resource gaps, including increased domestic financing and more efficient use of financial and non-financial resources, for a sustainable, integrated and intersectoral HIV response from the perspective of broader health and development frameworks.

Expected outcomes

A Call to Action with recommendations for commitment, accountability framework, solidarity, advocacy plan and partnership to ending AIDS by 2030 through increased country ownership for financing efficient and effective HIV programming.

Target Audience

The forum is expected to bring together approximately 150 participants from both Latin America and the Caribbean. It will include:

- Government representatives of health, finance, economic development and planning; NAPS
- CCM (transitional countries, All Central America HIV grants; Panama; Guyana, Suriname, Jamaica, OECS, Dominican Republic; Cuba)
- Multi-lateral and bi-lateral partners, civil society and their regional networks, faith community (and the private sector)
- People living with HIV; their organizations and networks
- Academia - experts in health financing

Conveners

Haiti MOH, UNAIDS, PAHO/WHO, AHF, PEPFAR and USG agencies involved in technical cooperation in the region (OGAC, USAID), PANCAP, HTCG, Global Fund (MCR/RCM), Regional CSO, Local Coordinating Teams (UNAIDS, MOH, PAHO or partners at country level).

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Chair / Moderator: Yafflo Ouattara, UNAIDS UCD Haiti			Rapporteur: Valerie Toureau & Omar Dia UNAIDS Haiti	
Day	Session	Time	Presentation	Persons/role
0	Registration	14:00 - 18:00 5/11 07:00 - 8:30 6/11	Registration at the Lobby/ Hotel Karibe	
08:00 - 8:15 UNDSS Security Briefing				
1	1 - Welcome	9:10 – 09:55	Plenary: Opening remarks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minister of Health Haiti – Dr Marie Gréta Roy Clément 2. GCTH Representative, Alejandra Acuña 3. PANCAP – Dereck Springer 4. AHF - Jorge Saavedra 5. PEPFAR: Robert Hannan Jr. Deputy Chief of Mission. 6. PAHO – Luis Codina, Haiti PAHO Representative 7. GLOBAL FUND - Annelise Hirschmann 8. Caribbean Sex Worker Coalition - Kinesha Thom 9. UNAIDS - Dr. Cesar Núñez 10. DSRSG/RC - Mamadou Diallo 11. Haiti Govt Prime Minister Jack-Guy Lafontant
		9:55 - 10:05	Forum objectives	UNAIDS: RST Kate Spring
		10:05 - 10:15		Photo session
10:15 - 10:30 Break				
Chair / Moderator: Dr. César Nuñez. UNAIDS RST			Rapporteur: Cedriann Martin UNAIDS	
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1	2 - Setting the scene for HIV sustainability in Latin America and the Caribbean	10:30 - 10:45	Plenary: Ending the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030: sustainability and Universal Health Coverage	PAHO: Dra. Amalia Del Riego
		10:45 - 11:30	Moderated discussion: Partners addressing the challenges of sustainability of the HIV of the HIV response	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Javier Hourcade CSO 2. Ms. Kim Simplis Barrow/ Chair of the Spouse of Caribbean Leaders Action Network (SCLAN), the Special Envoy on Women and Children. 3. Dr. Mamadou Diallo DSRSG/RC 4. Ms. Tracy Robinson Senior Lecture UWI
		11:30 - 12:15	Open discussion with participants	
Chair / Moderator: Edgar Carrasco, UNAIDS RST			Rapporteur: Anuar Luna Cadena, CRAT	
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1	3 - Maintaining the momentum of Latin America and the Caribbean on the Fast Track to Ending AIDS by 2030	12:15 - 12:45	Plenary: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress in achieving 90-90-90 coverage across treatment cascade, follow-up from the Mexico Call to Action 2. Progress towards achieving Rio Prevention Targets 3. Progress in achieving Rio Stigma and Discrimination targets 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UNAIDS: Kate Spring 2. PAHO: Monica Alonso 3. REDTRASEX: Elena Reynaga & UNDP Regional Centre Karin Santi
13:05 - 14:00 LUNCH				

Chair / Moderator: Dr. Ernesto Bascolo, PAHO			Rapporteur: Bethania Betances, UNAIDS RD	
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1	4 - Ensuring sustainability through strengthening stewardship and governance	14:00 - 15:00	Panel: Regional experiences keeping HIV on the national agenda and translating political commitment into sustainable action (policies, programs, plans and services)	1. PANCAP: Dereck Springer 2. CVC: Carolyn Gomes 3. REDCA+: Otoniel Ramirez 4. COIN: Santo Rosario
Chair / Moderator: Manoela Manova, UNAIDS Jamaica			Rapporteur: Juan Pablo Pagano, PAHO	
Day	Session	Time	Presentation	Persons/role
1	5 - Sustainability through diversification of financing for the HIV response with equity and efficiency	15:00 - 15:15	Plenary: Cost and Epidemiological Scenarios for ending AIDS by 2030 in LAC	UNAIDS HQ: Dr. Jose Antonio Izazola
		15:15 - 16:00	Panel: 1. Transition Planning and recommendations on dependency 2. PEPFAR's Sustainable Finance Initiative 3. Sustainable HIV response in time of donor's transaction 4. Financial sustainability: fiscal space and efficiency challenges 5. Challenges in public financing for Civil Society	1. GFATM Carmen Gonzalez 2. PEPFAR Susanna Baker 3. MINCEX Jessie Coto Morales 4. PAHO: Dr. Camilo Cid 5. (i) REDLA+ Odir Miranda (ii) Human Rights activist: Devon Gabourel
		16:00 - 16:30	Q&A	
16:30 - 16:45			Break	
Chair / Moderator: Otilia St Charles UNAIDS CAR				
Day	Session	Time	Presentation	Persons/role
1	6 - Sustainability through increasing and improving non-financing interventions: Optimizing the HIV Response	16:45 - 17: 45	Working Group: 1. Efficient commodity Procurement systems, strategies and policies 2. Efficient Service Delivery Models 3. Efficiencies and impact: Human resources task-shifting and differentiated models of care 4. Civil Society role in HIV sustainability: Transition Planning and exploring alternative sustainable mechanisms for HIV response by civil society 5. Strengthening South to south cooperation to implement emergency programs in LAC 6. How can sustainability and transition planning be used to generate demand for high impact interventions	1. ITPC Guatemala: Alma de León & PAHO Nora Girón Rapporteur: To be nominated 2. PAHO Dr. Ricardo Fabrega Rapporteur: To be nominated 3. PEPFAR: (i) Heidi Mihm, PEPFAR Coordinator Central America Regional PEPFAR Program (ii) AHF Patricia Campos Rapporteur: To be nominated 4. CRAT Anuar Luna Cadena Rapporteur: To be nominated 5. AxA: Jesús Aguais / NAP Haiti (Brazil - Haiti) Rapporteur: To be nominated 6. UWI Roger McLean Rapporteur: To be nominated
		17:45 - 18:15	Summary session in plenary on the 6 group (must inform Call to Action)	
19:00			WELCOME NIGHT	

Rapporteur: Dr Rudolph Magloire, Technical Consultant				
Day	Session	Time	Presentation	Persons/role
2	Outline of day 1	08:30 - 08:45	Recap day 1	Summary of First Day Dr Rudolph Magloire, Technical Consultant
Chair / Moderator: Angela Davis GFATM			Rapporteur: Dawn Foderhingam	
2	7 - How to maintain a sustainable HIV response within the HR framework and guaranteeing accountability	08:45 - 09:45	Plenary: 1. Strengthening mechanisms to monitor regional and national HIV commitments 2. Civil society partnership to increase the uptake of key HIV services. 3. Expanding equitable access to comprehensive, quality people- and community- centered health services with a focus on key populations 4. Building Social Capital for HIV Prevention and Access to Comprehensive Health Services for Key and Vulnerable Populations	1. PCB Community Representative Belize: Martha Carrillo 2. Haïti - Dr. Marie-Marcelle Deschamps 3. CVC Jamaica - Ivan Cruickshank 4. Vía Libre, Peru – Rosa Inés Béjar
		09:45 - 10:15	Q&A	
10:05 - 10:30 Break				
Chair / Moderator: Jorge Saavedra, AHF			Rapporteur: Kevin Harvey	
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2	8 - Strategic information to monitor and guide health policy, planning, and accountability	10:30 - 11:15	Panel: 1. Health spending data for the HIV response 2. How much do we need to invest in information systems? 3. How strategic information can increase effectiveness and efficiency: Lessons learned about how information can help programs succeed	1. MEGAS Roger McLean UWI 2. SALVAR NAP Mexico 3. Country Experiences (i) VICITS - NAP MoH El Salvador (ii) Country Lesson Learned - Fernanda Rick NAP MoH Brazil
		11:15 - 11:45	Q&A	
Chair / Moderator: Edward Green			Rapporteur: Rosa Inés Béjar Vía Libre	
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2	9 - An enabling environment and intersectoral approach for a sustained HIV response	11:45 - 12:35	Panel: 1. Building partnerships and effective coordination in the era of the SDGs 2. Extending partnerships beyond health. (Health in all policies from the perspective of the HIV response) Country Experience 3. Country example on more integrated and efficient service delivery for HIV care and treatment 4. Sustaining HIV prevention programs for key & vulnerable populations at local level, partnering municipalities and Civil Society 5. Laboratory services in the Caribbean; challenges of small UMIC island nations	1. ICW Latina/ Nicaragua - Arely Cano 2. NAP Bahamas Nikkiah Forbes 3. REDLATRANS Argentina - Marcela Romero 4. CARIFlag Suriname - Lucien Govaard 5. Car Med Labs Fdn - Valerie Wilson
		12:35 - 13:00	Q&A	
13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH				

Working groups			Coordinators: Alejandra Corao - Michela Polesana UNAIDS RST	
Day	Session	Time	Presentation	Persons/role
2	10 - Working Groups How to move forward	14:00 - 16:00	<p>Working Group:</p> <p>1. What can governments (Ministries of Health, Finance, etc) guarantee the sustainability of the HIV response?</p> <p>2. What strategies can be used with/by Civil Society in order to move the sustainability agenda forward?</p> <p>3. What is the role of academia and the private sector in supporting the sustainability agenda?</p> <p>4. How can multilateral and bilateral organizations ensure the sustainability of national programs as donor funding is reduced in the region?</p> <p>5. What actions should be implemented from a multi sectoral approach to guarantee an integrated and sustainable HIV response?</p> <p>6. How can partnerships with the financial sector be built and leveraged to secure financing for the HIV response?</p> <p>7. Where should funds to finance the HIV Response in U/MIC come from?</p> <p>8. How can we promote ownership of the HIV Sustainability Agenda within the Health Sector?</p> <p>9. What should we do to keep HIV sustainability on the development agenda?</p> <p>10. What strategies can we use to communicate and promote this Call to Action and monitor progress towards sustainability?</p>	<p>1. M: Alejandra Acuña R: Winfield Tannis</p> <p>2. M: Odir Miranda R: Ivan Cruickshank</p> <p>3. M: Hugo Farias R: Roger Mclean</p> <p>4. M : Jason Bowman, R : Michelle Francois-d’Auvergne,</p> <p>5.M: Giovanni Ravasi R: Adriana Irun</p> <p>6. M: Esteban Paulon R: Ferrosa Roache,</p> <p>7. M: Dr. Carolyn Gomes R: Patricia Campos</p> <p>8. M: Ralph Midy R: Raul Caporal</p> <p>9. M: Veriano Tertto R: Sandra Jones</p> <p>10. M: Leo Arena R: Cedriann Martin</p>
16:00 - 16:15				
Break				
2		16:45 - 17:15	WG presentations & General discussion	Rapporteurs

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3	Outline of day 2	08:30 - 08:45	Recap day 2	Summary of Second Day Dr Rudolph Magloire, Technical Consultant
Coordinator: Georgiana Braga O. UNAIDS Brazil			Rapporteur: Michela Polesana UNAIDS RST	
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3	11 - Review of Call to Action	08:45 - 10:30	Plenary review and agreement of Call to Action	Call to Action drafting committee
10:30 - 10:45 Break				
3	12 - Call to Action	10:40 - 11:45	Draft Working Group	Drafting team
	13 – Market Place 10:40 – 11:45 Coordinators Nina Wadhwa, PEPFAR Marie Claude Julsaint, UNAIDS		1. HIV planning and health system wide allocative efficiency tools 2. REDTRASEX HIV Prevention Budgeting 3. Using costing data to improve efficiency of the HIV response 4. COMISCA and REDCA: Treatment Adherence 5. Country experiences Poster 6. CSO Experience Poster 7. Strategic Fund PAHO	Participants 1. JAS, Jamaica 2. REDTRASEX 3. REDCREDLAC REDCA+ 4. REDj+ Lac 5. UNAIDS RST 6. CUBA NAP 7. Others TBA 8. PAHO
	14 - CTA Endorsement	11:45 -12:15	Call to Action endorsement	UNAIDS: Kate Spring
Coordinator: Kate Spring, UNAIDS RST				
	15 - Next steps	12:15 -12:25	Next steps	1. UNAIDS: Dr. César Núñez 2. PAHO: Dr. Giovanni Ravasi
Coordinator: Michela Polesana UNAIDS RST				
3	16 - Closing	12:25 -12:55	Closing	1. MoH Haiti 2. AHF: Karine Duverger 3 UNAIDS Haiti: Yafflo Ouattara
13:00 Lunch				
3	Side meetings	PM	GCTH Business Meting GFATM Multi Country Grant Consultations	