

## 10/24/12 - Post-2015: Host a Civil Society Consultation & Keep HIV on the Health Agenda

**Host your own post-2015 consultation on health! Civil society proposals due 2nd November 2012 ? see below!**



Now is a key time for the AIDS community to engage actively in discussions to ensure that health and HIV remain high on the post 2015 agenda and that the experiences of community activism from people living with HIV, the rights and gender activists and broader AIDS community can inform and shape this important future agenda.

The WHO and UNICEF, together with the Government of Sweden, are leading the global consultation around health. The purpose of the consultation is to:

- To stimulate wide ranging discussion at global, regional and country levels, on progress made and lessons learnt from the present MDGs relating to health;
- To discuss and develop a shared understanding ? among Member States, UN agencies, civil society and others ? on the positioning of health in the post 2015 development framework;
- To propose health goals and related targets and indicators for the post-2015 development agenda, as well as approaches for implementation, measurement and monitoring.

## What you can do

1. Currently, you can join the online consultations on health and inequalities. This platform offers the opportunity to review key documents, submit background papers, join moderated e-discussions, and contribute to the discussion on twitter using the hashtag #health2015.
2. A call for papers has been launched and is posted on the website.
3. A number of face to face consultations are planned:
  4. at the Second Global Symposium on Health Systems Research in Beijing, People's Republic of China;
  5. private sector entities with an experience in health will also hold consultations;
  6. WHO Member States will come together in Geneva in mid-December 2012 for an initial consultation on health in the post 2015 agenda; and
  7. in March 2013, a high level meeting will be held with representatives of government, civil society, and the private sector. This high level meeting will discuss the findings of the online engagement and papers and will put forward recommendations on how to address health to the UN High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Agenda.

### 8. Broader civil society consultations:

9. In New York, 24 September 2012, on the side lines of the opening of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), civil society turned out in large numbers to dialogue with members of the High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda and its Secretariat. More information can be found on the UN Non-Government Liaison Service Website.
10. There will be a second opportunity to engage with the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post 2015 Development Agenda (HLP) for 30 representatives of civil society organizations to engage in roundtable meetings with members of the Panel on the 2nd of

November in London (UK). The deadline for applications to participate was October 12th but there will be other engagement opportunities with the Panel, including for broader engagement with the HLP at a plenary event.

11. UNAIDS encourages civil society to find out more about the national arrangements for country consultations which will take place in the coming months, as more information becomes available it will be shared.

Send an email to [post2015health@who.int](mailto:post2015health@who.int) if you have any specific questions. A full outline of the consultation process is available at <http://bit.ly/OrfJoj>.

**Call for proposals from civil society organizations to host consultation meeting(s) on health in the post-2015 agenda**

Specific resources will also be [available for civil society consultations on health](#).

Background: While all stakeholders will have the opportunity to participate in the online consultation, further processes to engage different stakeholder groups are also envisaged ? including for civil society, academia and the private sector.

There will be an opportunity for these groups to come together around the same table in the high level meeting which will occur at the end of the consultation process to discuss the various inputs, and which will endorse recommendations to the High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 agenda.

Specific resources have therefore been earmarked for civil society engagement into the consultation. Following informal discussions with various civil society groups, it has been decided to issue a call for proposals from civil society organizations and coalitions (particularly from Africa, Asia/Pacific, and Latin America, and coalitions with partners in these regions) for the use of these resources, including hosting face to face civil society meeting(s) of civil society representatives to guide and review inputs into the web consultation and the high level meeting.

Form of the meeting. The resources are available for meeting(s) and/or other processes in any location, and in any format.

The key selection criteria will be the ability to bring together civil society

organizations with experience in health to address the following five framing questions of the consultation: (please see outline of the process for more detail on the five questions)

1. Lessons learnt from the health MDGs: What are the lessons learnt from the health related MDGs?
2. Health priorities post 2015: What is the priority health agenda for the 15 years after 2015?
3. Framing the future health goal: How does health fit in the post 2015 development agenda?
4. Measurement of progress towards the health goals: What are the best indicators and targets for health?
5. Ensuring a process and outcome that is relevant to the key stakeholders: How can key stakeholders and partners, singly and collectively, best help to position health in the post-2015 agenda?

Proposals are welcomed for either regional meetings in Latin America, Asia/Pacific and Africa or a global meeting which effectively demonstrates the ability to bring in voices from all regions as well as for meetings that are side meetings or back to back with large civil society organization meeting. Meetings should preferably take place in developing countries.

The consultation would need to take place by the end of January 2013 to ensure that inputs are available for the High Level Meeting.

Output of the meeting: The organizer will be expected to deliver a report of the meeting, which will be made publically available on the [www.worldwewant2015.org](http://www.worldwewant2015.org), together with the list of participants. It is important to note the report will not be considered as a consolidated civil society position on health, but will be an input into the final report.

A representative from the meeting will be invited to the high level meeting in March 2013.

Eligibility to apply. The call is open to civil society organizations working in the field of health. The term civil society in this context refers to the sphere of autonomous associations that are independent of the public and for-profit sectors and designed to advance collective interests and ideas.

The hosting civil society organization or coalition should be able to demonstrate the ability to reach out to a representative network(s) of civil society with links to people in the relevant region directly affected by poverty, and with an experience in advocating for health and/or providing health services directly, and in particular in reaching out to marginalised or vulnerable populations.

The Organization or Coalition should have international experience, either global, regional or sub regional. Preferably the meetings should take place in developing countries. It would be preferable that the hosting civil society organization or coalition does not have a focus on one disease or condition and has some experience in advocacy around MDGs or the post 2015 agenda. It is also preferable that organizations are based in Africa, Asia/Pacific or Latin America, or are coalitions including groups from these regions. Joint submissions to meet these conditions would be acceptable

Timeline for submission: Please send concept notes by email to [post2015health@who.int](mailto:post2015health@who.int) by November 2, 2012. Please mark the subject line: response to call for proposals CSO Resources available. Requests are considered of up to US\$ 50,000 per meeting for a maximum of three consultations. The funds requested should cover the costs of the meeting and the travel costs of participants if this is necessary to ensure full participation.

Information to be included in the concept note: The concept note should be short (less than two pages) but must include the following information:

- Organization responsible for the consultation;
- Background information about the organization or organizations proposing to host the consultation demonstrating experience in the area of health and in the organization of meetings and consultations;
- Proposed location of the meeting with a short description of logistics; Information on how participants will be selected;
- Amount of funds requested.

Selection process: Based on the concept notes received, the task team responsible for the consultation will draw up a short list of organizations and hold discussions with each organization for further detail. The final selection of organization(s) will be based on the outcome of these discussions.

