

**09/28/12 - Where Will HIV Be in the Post-2015 Framework?**



Who will be the champion for AIDS in the goals beyond 2015?

At the XIX International AIDS Conference held in Washington in July, the PCB NGO Delegation organized a panel, moderated by Latin America and the Caribbean NGO Delegate Alessandra Nilo of Gestos, on this issue. UNDP, UNAIDS, UNICEF and UNFPA joined the panel along with the International Women's Health Coalition.

Overall, there is a general lack of engagement of the AIDS movement in the post-2015 Millennium Development Goals (MDG) process. The discussion sought to clarify the opportunities for civil society input and engagement in the post-2015 process. The UN panellists admitted the process is very complex and much remained to be decided as of July 2012. However, a few key points were noted. The next development agenda is meant to be "universal" ? i.e. to be relevant to all countries and not only developing countries. It is also meant to be highly consultative ? hence, the national consultations in over 50 countries and the 9 thematic consultations at global level.

However, as Francoise Girard, President of the International Women Health Coalition, expressed:

It remains unclear whether the existing Millennium Development Goals (including the goals on gender equality, MDG 3, and on HIV, MDG 6) will be retained as part of the new framework, and how this process will dovetail (or not) with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) process laid out in the outcome document of the Rio+20 conference. It is also not clear whether there will be any points of intersection between the MDG and SDG processes and the ICPD Beyond 2014 process also currently under way. The Panel concluded that, no matter the number of technical

inputs and paper submitted, in the end, all of these processes will be fundamentally political. Lobbying member states will therefore be key throughout.

There are a number of processes already well underway:

1. A high-level panel has been convened that will issue a report in May 2013.
2. 57+ country consultations will begin soon and run through early next year (with the potential to increase to 100 countries).
3. Thematic consultations will also run through June 2013. HIV organizations and networks should strongly engage in the thematics on health, inequalities and population dynamics.

The outcomes of these processes will be provided to the Secretary General in May, who will release a report soon thereafter that proposes principles and processes for agreeing on the next development framework.

Negotiations between Member States will begin in June/July 2013 leading up to a High-Level Meeting on the MDGs in September 2013. In the period between then and 2015, there will likely be a set of regional negotiations at the economic commissions and then negotiations on the post-2015 development framework itself.

Information about both the thematic consultations and the country consultations are being published at <http://www.worldwewant2015.org> ? civil society will be able to participate in online conversations on this site when they are launched. You can find more information about civil society's work at [Beyond 2015. Post2015.org](#), curated by the [Overseas Development Institute](#), will bring together key documents and reports and updates on events.

The NGO Delegation will be following this process and will be looking for ways that the HIV movement can remain active and engaged throughout.