

## Information Note for Civil Society on the Civil Society Hearing and the HLM

March 18, 2011

### **1. Accreditation and Invitations**

Attendance to the Civil Society Hearing in April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 requires prior verification by the UNAIDS Secretariat – if an application was made and you have received an invitation, then you have been verified. Attendance to the HLM in June 8 -10, 2011 requires additional accreditation by the Member States; being involved in the CS Hearing does not automatically allow someone to attend the HLM. If you become accredited you will receive another invitation to the HLM by the General Assembly.

Invitations to attend the Civil Society Hearing have been sent out electronically. If you have not received your invitation by the end of next week, please contact Sophie at [sophiedilmitis@gmail.com](mailto:sophiedilmitis@gmail.com). You are automatically registered for the meeting and it is advised that you arrive in New York one day prior to the event. You will also need to register on-site to gain access to the venue and we will send more information on this in coming days.

### **2. Funding and Visas**

Funding is *only* available to support speakers, the Civil Society Task Force (CSTF), and the PCB delegates for both the Civil Society Hearing and the HLM.

Member of civil society who have received their invitation letters will need to swiftly process visa applications. Please note that all arrangements for visas, travel arrangements, accommodations and subsistence costs for attending the meetings will be the responsibility of the individual and their organization.

### **3. The Civil Society Hearing and the Speakers**

This Civil Society Hearing will adopt a different format to previous Hearings in 2006 and 2008. The CSTF has designed the Hearing to allow for an open and informal dialogue between civil society and Member States and other stakeholders. In addition to an opening and closing, the CSTF has decided on three sessions lasting between 45 minutes – one hour, which will focus on:

Panel 1 – Enhancing Community-Level Access: opportunities for healing social and systemic ills

Panel 2 – A New Generation of National Partnerships: Diversity in Dialogue

Panel 3 – Synergies Among Global Movements: Opportunities for Shared Action

Each session assumes participation of four panelists (except for the global session, where it is planned to have 5 panelists), of whom:

- Two (three for Panel 3) participants will come from civil society organizations
- One will be an eminent person (VIP), involved in the HIV response, who is well known and also authoritative on the issue under discussion
- The fourth will be a member state representative, whose experience and policies on the topic of the given session are important
- Specific interventions from invited speakers will be made from the floor.

Speakers for both the Civil Society Hearing were chosen from the list of applicants by the Civil Society Task Force (CSTF) and these were approved by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, not by the UNAIDS Secretariat.

There are still speakers that are being confirmed. Confirmed speakers for the CS Hearing are:

- Kenly Sikwese, Network of Zambian People Living with HIV (NZP+)
- Kim Nichols, African Services Committee
- Steve Ismael Nemande Tchatchoua, Alternatives – Cameroun
- Lorena Di Giano, Red Argentina de Mujeres Viviendo con vih-sida
- Maxensia Nakibuuka, Huairou Commission
- Manuela Donato, Global Youth Action Network
- Nataliya Leonchuk, East Europe and Central Asia Union of PLWH
- Janice Eastman, Education International
- Jeanne Gapiya, Association Nationale de Soutien aux Seropositifs et aux Personnes Malades (ANSS)
- Joanne Lim-Pousard, Levi Strauss and Co
- Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, World Young Women's Christian Association (World YWCA)
- Nuraan Osman, Islamic Resource Foundation of South Africa
- Maged El Sayed Rabey, GNP+, Egypt
- Veronica Cenac, Caribbean Vulnerable Communities
- Christopher Senyonjo, St. Paul's Foundation for International Reconciliation

Speakers have not yet been chosen for the HLM. This will be done when the CSTF meets in early April; we will inform you when confirmations have been made.

Moderators are being decided upon and will be high-level professionals.

#### 4. Background Papers

The CSTF is in the process of finalizing background papers on the three panels that will support the Civil Society Hearing. They are being developed in consultation with civil society members beyond the CSTF. The documents will be printed in five different languages (English, Spanish, French, Russian and Arabic) and will be available in New York prior to the meeting.

#### 5. Civil Society Hearing Pre-Meeting on April 7, 2011

The CSTF is organizing a day dedicated to providing information to civil society representatives attending the CS Hearing. The CSTF will meet with speakers and moderators in the morning and will convene with civil society in the afternoon. As soon as we have more details these will be shared. There are a number of other meetings taking place that are also being organized by civil society. Please send details of these to [sophiedilmitis@gmail.com](mailto:sophiedilmitis@gmail.com) so that we can organize and share these widely.

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