

**Multi-Stakeholder Task Force
for the 2026 High-Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS**

Terms of Reference

1. Background

The United Nations General Assembly will hold its next High-Level Meeting (HLM) on HIV/AIDS in June 2026.

In the lead-up to the HLM, the President of the General Assembly (PGA) is expected to organize and preside over an interactive multi-stakeholder hearing (MSH) with the participation of communities and other stakeholders.

To facilitate meaningful civil society involvement in the HLM and ensure an open, transparent and participatory process, UNAIDS will establish a Multi-stakeholder Task Force (MSTF) comprised of representatives from civil society and the private sector by the end of March.

Task Force representatives will work closely with UNAIDS, as the lead substantive UN entity, in developing key aspects of the MSH and HLM, including the proposed format, overarching theme, and programme of the multi-stakeholder hearing (MSH), and in helping to identify speakers for the MSH and HLM plenary and panel discussions. Additionally, the task force will provide a mechanism for community feedback on the zero draft of the Political Declaration, in line with the priorities raised by community and civil society speakers during the MSH. These will be submitted to the co-facilitators for their consideration, shared with other key stakeholders and used to inform key messages and communications related to the engagement of civil society in the HLM process.

The role of representatives will be unpaid.

2. Composition of the Multi-Stakeholder Task Force (MSTF)

UNAIDS and the PCB NGO Delegation will use the overall criteria set out below to select up to 18 individuals to represent the following categories of members.

- A representative openly living with HIV from networks of people living with HIV
- A representative openly living with HIV from networks of women living with HIV
- A representative openly living with HIV from networks of young people living with HIV
- A representative from each of the key populations (people who use drugs, sex workers, transgender people, gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men, people in prison settings)
- Two members of the UNAIDS PCB NGO delegation
- A representative from a women's organization, particularly working on sexual and reproductive health and rights
- A representative from a young's people organization, particularly working on sexual and reproductive health and rights
- A representative from the private sector
- A representative from a faith-based organization
- A representative from networks or organizations of Indigenous Peoples

- A representative from networks or organizations of people with disabilities
- A representative from an organization working with tuberculosis and HIV
- A representative from an organization working with non-communicable diseases and HIV

3. Process of work and responsibilities of the members of the MSTF

UNAIDS will co-chair and act as the secretariat of the MSTF.

A co-chair or co-chairs for the MSTF will be selected from its membership at the MSTF's first meeting, based on members' capacities and availability.

Task Force members will be selected on the understanding that they can commit to volunteering the appropriate time and effort between their appointment date and the end of June 2026. A heavy workload is expected for the group, especially during the period organizing the Multi-Stakeholder hearing (approximately 6-8 hours per week from the beginning of April through early May and 4 hours per week from early May until mid-June).

All MSTF members will work in English.

The Task Force will work via conference calls and emails.

4. Responsibilities of Task Force Member

The Task Force will advise UNAIDS, as the lead substantive UN entity, and through it, the Office of the President of the General Assembly, for, among other things, on:

- Designing the Multi-Stakeholder Hearing (MSH), including format, topics, messages, and providing a summary Report.
- Devising selection criteria for civil society and all relevant stakeholder speakers.
- Identifying, recommending, preparing, and briefing civil society and relevant stakeholder speakers for all MSH and HLM interventions, in particular people living with and affected by HIV.
- Provide taskforce feedback on zero draft of the Political Declaration, in line with the priorities raised by community and civil society speakers during the MSH. This will be submitted to the co-facilitators for their consideration, shared with other key stakeholders and used to inform key messages and communications related to the engagement of civil society in the HLM process.
- Briefing civil society and relevant stakeholders on the High-Level Meeting and the drafting of the Political Declaration.
- Advising on the themes of formal panel discussions.
- Supporting civil society and relevant stakeholder participation in the formal MSH and HLM discussions through sharing intelligence, reviewing of talking points, etc.
- Identifying logistical issues and needs for civil society speakers and other relevant stakeholders attending the HLM, to be addressed by UNAIDS.

5. Communications

With civil society and relevant stakeholders: The Task Force will work with UNAIDS and the PCB NGO Delegation to provide regular updates about the process to civil society and relevant stakeholders.

With other UN partners: The Task Force may invite other stakeholders engaged in the HLM process to join discussions as required and appropriate.

The communication and consultation outlined above will be aimed to share timely and accurate information about nominations and other opportunities for civil society and relevant stakeholder involvement in the Multi-Stakeholder Hearing and the High-Level Meeting, including feedback on the draft political declaration, promoting meaningful participation of civil society and relevant stakeholders.

Digital Safety and Data Protection

UNAIDS is committed to ensuring the **security and confidentiality of all personal data** submitted as part of this nomination process.

- All information provided will be securely stored within UNAIDS systems and classified under appropriate security levels, including strictly confidential, where applicable.
- Access to nomination data will be restricted to authorized personnel only and used solely for the purposes of the selection process.
- Personal data will be retained only for as long as necessary.
 - Information related to applicants who are not selected will be deleted after the selection process is completed.
 - Information related to selected Task Force members will be securely stored for the duration of their participation and deleted after the completion of the Task Force's work.

For your safety, we recommend not using free translation apps or AI-powered tools to complete the nomination form, as these services may process and store personal data outside secure environments.