

INFORMATION NOTE ON
UNITAID ENGAGEMENT AT THE

MEXICO CITY | **21-24 JULY 2019**

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INTERNATIONAL
AIDS SOCIETY
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JULY SUNDAY 21

12:30 – 14:30

WHO

PREP AND STIS: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Against the backdrop of increasing STIs globally, rates of bacterial and viral STIs are increasing in some populations at higher risk for HIV acquisition. As PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) services expand, there has been growing need for STI services and recognition that PrEP can serve as a gateway to sexual health services for key populations, including men who have sex with men, sex workers, transgender people, as well as serodiscordant couples and vulnerable young people. The session will include a country perspective from Brazil, showcasing the Unitaid PrEP project.

17:00 – 19:00

PAHO

IT'S TIME FOR PREP IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN!

This satellite will showcase country experiences and regional initiatives in Latin America and the Caribbean to advance PrEP implementation within combination prevention strategies with a focus on key populations, through engagement of policy-makers, providers, and the community. Experiences from early adopter countries will be presented, including from public sector PrEP implementation, demonstration projects, and community engagement to organize a regional collective effort for PrEP advocacy and demand generation. The session will discuss the Unitaid-supported ImPrEP project.

JULY MONDAY 22

07:00 – 08:30

ASLM/WHO

STRATEGIES TOWARDS INTEGRATING POINT-OF-CARE NUCLEIC ACID TESTING QUALITY ASSURANCE INTO EXISTING QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMS IN THE WHO AFRICAN REGION

This satellite session seeks to create awareness and outline key elements to consider for the integration of point-of-care testing such as those using automated closed systems into national quality assurance programs.

07:00 – 08:30

FIND/WHO

LESSONS FROM HIV: REALIZING THE POTENTIAL OF HEPATITIS C SELF-TESTING, DECENTRALIZATION AND INTEGRATION OF TESTING SERVICES

The satellite session will explore how HCV testing services can be enhanced using currently available diagnostic tools, including those in the pipeline. It will focus on two key topics: decentralization and self-testing, and will discuss the lessons learned from the Unitaid-support FIND HCV Head Start grant.

18:30 – 20:30

CHAI/UNITAID

SAVING LIVES TODAY: ACCELERATING ACCESS TO DIAGNOSTICS AND TREATMENT FOR ADVANCED DISEASE

Focusing on the opportunity to reduce AIDS-related mortality through investment in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of opportunistic infections in resource-limited settings, this session will highlight the clinical and programmatic implications of optimizing the diagnosis and treatment of advanced HIV disease, as well as interventions to overcome market shortcomings. The session will also provide insights and share experiences from early adopters of optimal AHD products to inform countries' future AHD strategies and accelerate access to simpler, safer, and more affordable AHD commodities.

JULY MONDAY 22

18:30 – 20:30

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REACHING YOUNG PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE: CREATING DEMAND AND PROVIDING PREP SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The panel will highlight how scalable innovations that specifically target young key populations have been implemented. Service delivery models to support PrEP uptake and use across demand creation, HIV self-testing and mHealth tools to support linkage to care for treatment and prevention will be presented. The panel will also share how integrated service delivery is being addressed in each context and how the projects are planning for sustainability.

18:30 – 20:30

ASLM / WHO

WHAT'S NEW IN DIAGNOSTICS: NOVEL HIV MOLECULAR INTERVENTIONS TO SUPPORT EXPANSION OF VIRAL LOAD ACCESS

In this satellite, ASLM, WHO and partners will present new and tried concepts for scaling up HIV viral load testing across settings – these concepts form a newly developed implementation best practices document to be launched during this session.

JULY TUESDAY 23

08.45 – 10.15

IAS AND FIOTEC

PLENARY SESSION

Plenary session will include speaker Carlos Caceres, the lead investigator in Peru for the Fiotec grant, discussing Key Populations in Latin America: Young men who have sex with men.

18:30 – 20:30

FIOCRUZ

PREP IMPLEMENTATION FOR MSM AND TRANSGENDER IN LATIN AMERICA – EARLY LESSONS FROM THE IMPREP INITIATIVE: REACHING, ENGAGING AND RETAINING

The session will present experiences from the ImPrEP project in Brazil, Mexico and Peru and discuss challenges in reaching vulnerable MSM and TGW, particularly the younger and lower incomes populations; debate strategies for improving PrEP continuation; present data on the need for STI screening and treatment; analyze successful strategies and innovations for reaching, enrolling and retaining TGW, highlight community perspectives on engagement and demand creation for PrEP services; and examine the specific socio-economic regional landscape on PrEP-drugs, such as regulatory issues, patents and costing.

18:30 – 20:30

PSI / UNITAID / WHO

BREAKING BARRIERS: INNOVATIVE, DIFFERENTIATED HIV SERVICES AND SELF-CARE OPTIONS FOR MEN

This session highlights lessons from HIV programs overcoming barriers to male uptake, including involving men in designing services that are adapted to serve them across their lifespans.

JULY
WEDNESDAY 24

10.00 – 10.45

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HIV TREATMENT RESEARCH: NEW DRUGS AND MORE
EFFICIENT REGIMEN

Optimal ARVs: presentation of the ADVANCE trial results.



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