

**ACCELERATING PROGRESS TOWARDS
ENDING HIV, TB, HEPATITIS AND STIs
NEW APPROACHES TO END MAJOR EPIDEMICS****JUNE 22, 2026
13:15H – 14:30H EDT
CR-8, UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK****Organizer:** World Health Organization**Co-sponsors:** Member States and partners (TBC)**Date:** June 22, 2026, 13:15- 14:30 EDT**Venue:** Conference Room 8 (CR-8), United Nations Headquarters, New York,**About the event:**

The UN high-level side-event “Accelerating progress towards ending HIV, TB, Hepatitis and Sexually Transmitted Infections: New approaches to end major epidemics,” will be held on the margins of the UN High Level Meeting on HIV. The event will be organized by the World Health Organization in collaboration with Member States and partners.

The world stands at a critical juncture in the fight against HIV, tuberculosis (TB), viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections (STIs). While scientific breakthroughs and expanded access to prevention, testing and treatment have saved millions of lives, these diseases continue to exact an unacceptable toll, particularly among the most vulnerable and marginalized. Progress towards the 2030 global targets remains uneven, and growing fiscal pressures, competing priorities, humanitarian crises and persistent inequalities threaten to stall or reverse gains. Accelerating progress will require not only sustaining proven interventions, but also transforming the way responses are designed, financed and delivered.

Convened during the UN High-Level Meeting on HIV, this event will capitalize on a unique moment of global political engagement to advance a broader agenda for ending major epidemics. Building on the 2026 mid-term review of the Global Health Sector Strategies on HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs and End TB Strategy Progress Report presented to the 2026 World Health Assembly, it will highlight shared challenges and opportunities across diseases and promote more integrated, equitable and sustainable approaches.

Expected outcome:

Bringing together Ministers, heads of agencies, community leaders and civil society representatives, this high-level event will showcase innovative approaches, catalyze political leadership, and identify concrete actions to accelerate progress towards ending HIV, TB, hepatitis and STIs as public health threats.

TENTATIVE AGENDA (EDT – New York time)

Organized by
World Health Organization

Co-sponsor: **Member States and partners (TBC)**

Moderator: Dr Tereza Kasaeva, Director, Department for HIV, TB, Hepatitis & STIs,
World Health Organization

Opening address and welcome:

13.15 - 13.20 H: **Introduction by moderator**

13.20 - 13.30 H: **Opening remarks by Co-facilitators of UN High Level Meeting on HIV**
(Botswana and Georgia)

13.30 - 13.35 H: **Civil society perspective (GNP+)**

13:35 - 14.20 H: High-level Panel

Stronger together: Advancing integrated approaches to end HIV, TB, Hepatitis and STIs

Member States

- Health Ministers or PRs (TBC)- South Africa, Brazil, Indonesia
- Co-chair, UN Alliance of countries on the fight against TB (PR representative)

UN Agencies

- UNDP
- UNAIDS NY
- UNICEF

Partners

- UNITAID
- Global Fund
- Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination and UN Group of Friends on Hepatitis Elimination
- AVAC

14.20 - 14.28 H: Interactive discussion

14.28 - 14.30 H: Closing Remarks

Lunch and refreshments to be provided