Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the 2018 Controlling the HIV Epidemic Summit, organized by the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) in partnership with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and other partners. We are here these two days to reflect a pathway towards the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

In support of connecting the dots between attaining SDG 3, achieving the UNAIDS 90-90-90 targets and controlling the HIV epidemic, the Summit will more clearly define the meaning of “HIV epidemic control” – including sufficient nuance to allow for the heterogeneity of the AIDS response. In addition, the Summit will examine proposed new metrics for assessing progress in national and subnational HIV epidemic responses.

Based on data from HPTN 052, the Partners’ Study, and Opposites Attract, we now definitively know that early initiation of antiretroviral therapy (ART) is among the most effective HIV prevention interventions. The beneficial findings associated with early ART are also complemented by multiple reports that the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) effectively decreases HIV acquisition among high-risk populations. A pragmatic study, PROUD, conducted in British genitourinary medicine clinics, demonstrated that the integration of PrEP within the context of sexual health in primary care settings can be highly effective, approaching 90% protection in a very real-world setting. Thus, with antiretroviral drugs, we have a critical tool needed to control the HIV epidemic, but only in combination with other HIV prevention interventions. As important, we cannot control the HIV epidemic if we fail to address human rights and other barriers that affect the most vulnerable in our society.

The challenge for our discussions this year in Geneva is to how to best translate exciting research findings into public health policy that leaves no one behind, is gender sensitive, and is closely linked to the Universal Health Care (UHC) agenda. Although, UNAIDS has promoted the 90-90-90 targets – 90% serostatus awareness, 90% of people who are aware of their status being on ART, and 90%, of people on ART virologically suppressed by 2020, along with zero stigma, these goals are not likely to be met globally by that time. Although several countries, such as Botswana and Sweden, have reached these goals, for most countries the targets have not yet been fully met. Emerging questions include how we can best leverage the progress that we have made to date, avoid the risks that come with entrenched complacency and divergent agendas, and seize the opportunities before us to control the HIV epidemic.

At Glion, Switzerland, this past year, UNAIDS convened experts to review the different ideas of what would constitute “HIV epidemic control,” a more realistic framework than ideally talking about “ending the epidemic” or “getting to zero.” We aim to take those expert discussions forward over the next two days in an attempt to move beyond promoting aspirational slogans to actioning a movement toward achieving an important public health milestone – HIV epidemic control – within the context of a broader global health agenda.

Ultimately, our mutual goal to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030 is only possible through a combination of commitment, innovation, partnership, and action – which are the mainstay of this annual series of IAPAC Controlling the HIV Epidemic Summits. We hope that the scheduled plenaries and panel discussions as well as formal and informal discussions throughout the next two days will provide you with new insights that will guide our individual and collective efforts towards controlling the HIV epidemic.

Best wishes for a productive Summit,

Ilona Kickbusch, PhD
Co-Chair

Kenneth Mayer, MD
Co-Chair

1Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland
2Fenway Institute, Boston, MA, USA
In October 2017, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) convened a meeting of experts from various stakeholder groups to refine the pathway towards ending AIDS as a public health threat by more clearly defining the meaning of “HIV epidemic control.”

Over the course of the three-day meeting in Glion, Switzerland, agreement was reached that strong measures and targets for HIV service coverage and the impact target for ending AIDS as a public health threat are already in place. There was further agreement that new metrics signaling countries’ progress towards ending AIDS as a public health threat and, ultimately, zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination, and zero AIDS-related deaths would be useful. These new metrics could help to dispel the notion that AIDS is no longer a problem or that a tipping point of certain success will soon be reached. The new metrics could also help drive policy-makers and galvanize continued political commitment and financial investment in the HIV response.

Four potential metrics were discussed that could complement existing indicators as countries move along the pathway to ending their HIV epidemics, including:

- **Percentage reductions** – percent reduction in new HIV infections and AIDS-related deaths compared to a 2010 baseline (new infections, 2010 - new infections, 2020/new infections, 2010; and AIDS-related deaths, 2010 - AIDS-related deaths, 2020/new infections, 2010);
- **An absolute rate** – absolute rates of HIV incidence and AIDS-related mortality of less than one per 1,000 adults per year, or less than one per 10,000 adults per year;
- **An incidence-mortality ratio** – combining HIV incidence and mortality among people living with HIV from all causes in a ratio producing a dynamic measure of the annual change in the number of people living with HIV within a given population that is relevant for both high- and low-level epidemic settings; and
- **An incidence-prevalence ratio** – the prevalence and incidence of a condition are directly linked by the average duration of that condition (Incidence * Duration = Prevalence). When this equation is rearranged into a ratio of HIV incidence to HIV prevalence within a given population, the result is the average duration of time a person lives with the disease being measured (Prevalence/Incidence = Duration).

While the finalization and adoption of the new metrics were deferred as medium- and longer term UNAIDS actions, the meeting concluded with consensus that efforts to refine and finalize the use of new metrics should be guided by the following criteria:

- They should be scientifically sound, feasible, acceptable to communities, and useful for AIDS program management.
- They must be relevant for all epidemics (high prevalence and low prevalence) at all levels (global, regional, national, sub-national), and be able to measure progress within sub-populations (defined by age, sex, and/or population).
- They should be resistant to “gaming” – intentional skewing of data to overstate program performance.
- They should include inputs that measure trends in new infections and trends in morbidity and mortality among people living with HIV.
- They should be packaged with improved measures of HIV-related stigma and discrimination trends, and a “policy cascade” that measures whether an enabling legal and policy environment is in place for efforts to eliminate stigma and discrimination.

**Source:** Making the End of AIDS Real: Consensus Building Around What We Mean by HIV Epidemic Control. Meeting Report, UNAIDS, 2017.
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM
Welcome Remarks
Ilona Kickbusch
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
Geneva, Switzerland
Kenneth Mayer
Fenway Institute
Boston, MA, USA

9:15 AM – 9:45 AM
Keynote Address
The Health SDGs and UHC – Re-Igniting Political Will for Action
Soumya Swaminathan
World Health Organization
Geneva, Switzerland

DEFINING “HIV EPIDEMIC CONTROL”

Chair
Ilona Kickbusch
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
Geneva, Switzerland

9:45 AM – 10:15 AM
Plenary
“Controlling the HIV Epidemic” – What do We Mean?
Timothy Martineau
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
Geneva, Switzerland

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM
Plenary
Actioning HIV Epidemic Control – PEPFAR’s 13-Country Strategy
Ambassador Deborah L. Birx
Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator
Washington, DC, USA

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM
Break

SETTING METRICS FOR SUCCESS

Chair
Kenneth Mayer
Fenway Institute
Boston, MA, USA

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Plenary
HIV Epidemic Control – Overview of Existing and Proposed Metrics
Peter Ghys
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
Geneva, Switzerland
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM
Panel
Setting Metrics for Success – Are We Measuring What Matters?

Moderator
José M. Zuniga
International Association of Providers of AIDS Care
Washington, DC, USA

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Peter Sands
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Geneva, Switzerland

Laurel Sprague
Global Network of People Living with HIV
Amsterdam, Netherlands

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM
Lunch

1:45 PM – 2:15 PM
Plenary
“Business Unusual” – Finding and Testing the HIV Unawares
Nitika Pant Pai
McGill University
Montréal, Quebec, Canada

2:15 PM – 2:45 PM
Plenary
Long-Acting Antivirals – Where Are We Headed? Are We Ready?
Carl Dieffenbach
National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, MD, USA

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM
Plenary
Reaching 90% of People at Risk of HIV with Comprehensive Prevention
Karl Dehne
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
Geneva, Switzerland

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FACILITATING HIV EPIDEMIC CONTROL (continued)

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Plenary
Integrating PrEP with Early Antiretroviral Therapy Initiation

Kenneth Mayer
Fenway Institute
Boston, MA, USA

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Plenary
Differentiated Care – Improving Engagement and Retention in HIV Care

Meg Doherty
World Health Organization
Geneva, Switzerland

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Panel
Optimizing the Global Health Workforce to Control the HIV Epidemic

Moderator

Paul Marsden
World Health Organization
Geneva, Switzerland

Panelists

Stephen Ayisi Addo
National AIDS Control Program
Accra, Ghana

Mark Nelson
Imperial College London
London, England

Gillian Nkhalamba
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Lilongwe, Malawi

Carole Treston
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Washington, DC, USA

5:30 PM
Adjourn
LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

Chair
Deborah von Zinkernagel
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
Geneva, Switzerland

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Plenary
Strengthening Community Engagement across the AIDS Response

Laurel Sprague
Global Network of People Living with HIV
Amsterdam, Netherlands

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
Panel
A Global Compact for Ending HIV-Related Stigma and Discrimination

Moderator
Andrea Boccardi Vidarte
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
Geneva, Switzerland

Panelists
Ibadat Dhillon
World Health Organization
Geneva, Switzerland

Eszter Kismödi
Reproductive Health Matters
Geneva, Switzerland

Ambassador Nathalie Olijslager
Kingdom of the Netherlands Mission to the United Nations
The Hague, Netherlands

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All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS
Kyiv, Ukraine

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Global Network of People Living with HIV
Amsterdam, Netherlands

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SHARING NATIONAL AND SUBNATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Chair
Paula Munderi
International Association of Providers of AIDS Care
Kampala, Uganda

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Sub-Saharan Africa

Moderator
Lillian Mworeko Kyomuhangi
International Council of Women
Kampala, Uganda

Panelists
Solange Baptiste
International Treatment Preparedness Coalition
Johannesburg, South Africa

Henry Nagai
JSI Research and Training Institute
Accra, Ghana

Carol Ngunu-Gituathi
University of Nairobi
Nairobi, Kenya

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Western and Eastern Europe

Moderator
Anna Zakowicz
AIDS Healthcare Foundation
Amsterdam, Netherlands

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Svitlana Moroz
Eurasian Women’s Network on AIDS
Tbilisi, Georgia

Anastasia Pharris
European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
Solna, Sweden

Bryan Teixeira
European AIDS Treatment Group
Brussels, Belgium

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Lunch
SHARING NATIONAL AND SUBNATIONAL EXPERIENCES (continued)

Chair
Peter Godfrey-Faussett
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
Geneva, Switzerland

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Asia-Pacific

Moderator
Midnight Poonkasetwattana
Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health
Bangkok, Thailand

Panelists
Jennifer Hoy
Monash University
Melbourne, Australia

Marie Ko
AIDS Healthcare Foundation
Hong Kong (SAR China)

N. Kumarasamy
Y.R. Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research and Education
Chennai, India

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM
Panel
Americas and the Caribbean

Moderator
Brun González Aguilar
Espolea
Mexico City, Mexico

Panelists
John Peter Figueroa
University of the West Indies
Kingston, Jamaica

Irene Hall
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Atlanta, GA, USA

Fernanda Rick
Ministry of Health
Brasilia, Brazil

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If you have any questions during the Summit, please locate an IAPAC staff member in the Registration Area. If you have any questions post-Summit, please contact Jonathon Hess, IAPAC’s Director of Education, at jhess@iapac.org.
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