



UNAIDS statement at WHO EB 150th session

Agenda items 8 and 9

Thank you Chair,
Dear Members of the WHO Executive Board,
Dear Colleagues,

I am delivering this statement on the agenda items 8 and 9.

- UNAIDS appreciates the critical contribution of **WHO** to the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.
- UNAIDS commends WHO's global health sector strategy on HIV for 2022–2030; its focus on the critical three **cross-cutting drivers** including gender, equity and human rights, and its **full alignment with the Global AIDS Strategy** for 2021-2026, and the 2021 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS.
- UNAIDS also supports the proposal for robust biennial reporting and accountability to the World Health Assembly and welcomes opportunity for alignment with reporting for the Global AIDS Strategy and the UBRAF.
- We appreciate the focus on **people-centered, local context-responsive integrated approaches** for reaching best disease-specific and overall health outcomes; and the **community-led and community-based service delivery and accountability mechanisms**.

- Further, UNAIDS supports **urgent action and investment in TB research and innovation**, as the focus of the next UNGA HLM on TB in 2023 – to accelerate access for all people living with HIV.
- **TB remains the leading cause of death among people living with HIV, associated with a third of all AIDS-related deaths.** Worryingly, global HIV-associated TB deaths rose between 2019 and 2020, the first increase since around 2005, with the COVID pandemic the most likely cause.
- Finally, we remain **committed to supporting country-level implementation** of the WHO's global health sector strategies.

Thank you for your attention.