

# Is the World Bank focusing its **HIV/AIDS** support in the most effective way?

How is the World Bank responding to new developments in the global AIDS response such as the "Three Ones" Principles and Universal Access to prevention, care and treatment? The session will highlight (1) the thinking behind the new World Bank Global HIV/AIDS Program of Action, (2) the five priority action areas that are the focus of World Bank support, and (3) provide an update on implementation so far. Partner representatives will offer comments. The Program of Action was developed at a time when the "Three Ones" principles and universal access were being discussed and consolidated internationally. The Program of Action was developed in close consultation with many partners –representatives of people living with HIV/AIDS, country programs, UNAIDS cosponsors and donors, and has been widely endorsed. The session has two aims: to share information; and to solicit comments and feedback, especially on a new initiative to provide support to countries to strengthen their national HIV/AIDS strategies and annual action plans.

**Opening remarks:** Julian Schweitzer, Sector Director, South Asia Human Development Sector, World Bank

**Chair:** Prof. Michel Kazatchkine, AIDS Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France

**Speakers:**

1. Dr David Wilson, Senior M&E Specialist, World Bank Global HIV/AIDS Program: The Bank's support for HIV/AIDS for the next few years.
2. Dr. Prasada Rao, Director, UNAIDS Regional Support Team, Asia and Pacific: The road to Universal Access.
3. Prof. Babatunde Osotimehin, Chairman, National Action Committee on AIDS, Nigeria: Comments from a Country Perspective.
4. Prof. S.A. Amoa, Director General, Ghana AIDS Commission, Ghana: Comments from a Country Perspective.
5. Dr. Meskerem Grunitzky-Bekele, Director, UNAIDS Regional Support Team, West and Central Africa: Strengthening AIDS strategies and action plans – realities on the ground.
6. Ms. Asia Russell, Health GAP: Comments from Civil Society Perspective.



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