



THE HARARE DECLARATION 2015

- I. We the leaders, decision makers, scientists and activists from across the African continent and beyond have assembled in Harare, Zimbabwe at the 18th International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa;
- II. We are inspired by the courage of all the peoples of Africa in thirty years of response to the devastating AIDS pandemic and rededicate ourselves to continue this valiant work;
- III. We embrace with enthusiasm and dedication the vision of the end of AIDS and commit our wholehearted efforts at local, national and regional level to implement the Fast Track to ending AIDS by 2030 and with it help achieve the world's new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- IV. We are determined that African institutions led from the African Union and including regional, sub-regional, national, sub-national and local structures all play their part in achieving the fast track to ending AIDS;
- V. We are dismayed by the persistence of HIV-related stigma and discrimination and in the spirit of "no one left behind" we dedicate ourselves to inclusive AIDS responses, led by people living with HIV, that embrace diversity and actively combat marginalization and victimization of minorities of every type;
- VI. We draw hope from the tremendous advances in HIV science which have made possible a full and normal lifespan for a person living with HIV on fully effective antiretroviral therapy and the increased range of biomedical strategies joining with behavioural and structural efforts to prevent new HIV infections;
- VII. We applaud the contribution of African HIV science and scientists of all disciplines in securing these advances and we support the increased networking and visibility of African HIV science;
- VIII. We call for the sustained, efficient and effective resourcing of the AIDS response across the continent in the framework of global solidarity and shared responsibility;
- IX. We are concerned with the disproportionate burden of the epidemic falling on Africa's women and accordingly assert that the goal of ending of AIDS is in indivisible unity with the achievement of women's empowerment, gender equality and an end to gender violence;
- X. We commit to actively engage men in participating in the fast track agenda. We undertake to promote male involvement in all initiatives and programmes as appropriate to address HIV and AIDS in our homes, communities, organizations and countries.
- XI. We dedicate our efforts to the current and coming generation of young people across Africa who will emerge into adulthood by 2030 and whose birthright is to live in freedom and pursue their aspirations for themselves and their families released from the burden of AIDS.