



**Special Summit of the African Union
on HIV, TB and Malaria
12-16 July 2013 Abuja, Nigeria**

Breakfast Meeting of the AIDS Watch Africa (AWA) Champions
(Heads of State and Government) during the Special Summit of
the African Union on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, 16
July 2013, Abuja, Nigeria

Draft Concept Note

Background

The African Union is organizing a breakfast meeting of the AIDS Watch Africa (AWA) Champions in the audience with the AU/AWA Chairperson, H.E. Ato Hailemariam Desalegn, and Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. The meeting is scheduled to take place on the 16th July 2013, during the Special Summit of the African Union, on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, 12-16 July 2013 Abuja, Nigeria.

There is global and regional consensus that unless Shared Responsibilities and Global Solidarity are sufficiently demonstrated in facilitating Universal Access and Social Justice in Health and related factors particularly HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria, desired targets for Africa and MDGs remain difficult to attain.

At the 21st AU Ordinary Assembly of the AU in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 26th May 2013, a Vice-Chair and five AWA Regional Champions were appointed to support the Chairperson of AWA in the implementation of AWA's objective to be an advocacy and accountability platform for HIV, TB & Malaria response in Africa.

Pursuant to the spirit of the Special Summit in Abuja, held under the theme, "*Ownership, Accountability and Sustainability of HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Response in Africa: Past, Present and the Future*", the purpose of the meeting is to support the Chairperson of AU/AWA, H.E Ato Hailemariam Desalegn, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia who will convene the first meeting for the AWA Champions, alongside the Special Summit to deliberate on concrete strategies to champion the Future Direction framework of AWA 2012-2015, the Roadmap on Shared Responsibility and Global Solidarity for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria response in Africa as well as update on the One Year Progress on AWA mandate.

1. Objectives

- To reiterate the mandate of AWA to create common understanding among the AWA Champions
- To provide information to AWA Champions on already achieved and planned initiatives in line with the AU: "*Roadmap on Shared Responsibility and Global Solidarity*" in the context of AWA Revitalization framework
- To discuss schedule of initiatives and programs for AWA Champions

2. Expected Outputs

- Recommendations by the AWA Champions on AWA programming made
- Schedule of initiatives for AWA Champions determined and adopted.

3. Organization of the event

The event will be organized by AUC as a breakfast meeting.

Date and Time: 16th July 2013, 08H00 – 09H00

Venue: Transcorp Hilton Hotel in Abuja, Nigeria

Participants: Seven (7) Heads of States will be in attendance

Methodology: The Chairperson of AWA will chair the proceedings, draft Agenda and supporting documents will be provided

4. Documentation

Background Documents:

- AU Roadmap on Shared Responsibility and Global Solidarity as a vision for health
- AU Roadmap Practical Guide
- Assembly Decision on AWA
- Draft Schedule of initiatives and Programmes for AWA Champions

5. Working Languages

Simultaneous interpretation will be available in all four AU languages. The working documents for the AWA Champions will be available in the four AU working languages.

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