

**MEDIA ADVISORY****INVITATION TO THE MEDIA**

What: Media Roundtable on Domestic Financing for Health, Third International Conference on Financing for Development

When: 14 July, 2015, 09:30-10:30hrs

Where: Medium Conference Hall, African Union Commission, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Why: For the first time in the history of global health, Africa is mobilising more domestic resources than foreign development investments in health. In the last four years, African countries have increased their domestic resources to respond to HIV by 150 per cent. Between 2006 and 2011 global domestic investment doubled spending on HIV, TB and malaria. In 2012, domestic spending for HIV from low- and middle-income countries represented 53 per cent of all global HIV resources. This is anticipated to increase with the recent acceleration of commitments to universal health coverage.

The media play an important role in advocating for increased allocation of domestic resources to critical social services sectors. They influence both the public and policy agenda. Through agenda setting and advocacy the media can shape the discourse on domestic financing for health. The African Union Commission, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria are thus planning a media roundtable on domestic financing for health on the sidelines of the Financing for Development meeting.

Who:

H.E. Dr. Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko, Commissioner for Social Affairs of the AU Commission- Continental Perspectives- The place of Domestic Financing for Health in Meeting Future Continental Health Priorities

Dr. Mark Dybul, Global Fund, Executive Director- Global Perspectives- the Impact of Financing Disease Responses and Health Systems

Mr Michel Sidibe, UNAIDS Executive Director- Global Perspectives- Key Lessons from Domestic Financing to End AIDS

Mr. Guido Schmidt-Traub, Executive Director of UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Ownership and Sustainability, 10 min

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