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AIDS WATCH AFRICA (AWA)

At the 2001 Special Summit, eight Heads of State and Government joined hands and created AIDS Watch Africa (AWA) as an advocacy platform to spearhead implementation and resource mobilization for the fight against AIDS. Its mandate was later extended to cover TB and Malaria. In January 2012, AIDS Watch Africa (AWA) was revitalized as an advocacy, mobilization and accountability platform of Heads of State and Government for mobilizing action and resources, for stronger leadership and accountability. More details on AIDS Watch Africa, which was adopted by the January 2012 AU Assembly, are available in the Revitalization Concept Document 2012-2015 (AU website),

AWA Membership

The membership of AWA currently comprises Heads of State and Government of the following AU Member States, **but is open to more African Leaders:**

MEMBER STATES	MEMBER STATES
West Africa Cote d'Ivoire Ghana Mali Nigeria Sierra Leone	Central Africa Chad DR Congo Equatorial Guinea Gabon
North Africa Algeria Egypt Tunisia	Eastern Africa Djibouti Tanzania Kenya Rwanda Uganda Ethiopia
Southern Africa Botswana South Africa Mozambique	Others Current Chair of AU/ Chair of AWA (Benin) Host of AU Summit (if applicable) Current Chair of AU Conference of Ministers of Health (Namibia)

AIDS WATCH AFRICA MEETINGS 2012

1. The Meeting of the **AWA Consultative Experts Committee** will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia at the New AU Building, 3rd Floor Small Conference Room on 21-22 June 2012. The Meeting will examine the draft document on the **Future Direction of AWA 2012-2015**, and the draft **Shared Responsibilities and Global Solidarity for Africa's Response to HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria: Roadmap 2012-2015**; and also make other preparations for the Meeting of AWA Action Committee of Heads of State and Government.

The two documents and **Provisional Agenda and Programme of Work** of the Consultative Meeting are annexed.

2. The **Meeting of the AWA Action Committee of Heads of State and Government** will be held at the AU new Building on 14 July 2012 as a Side Event during the July 2012 AU Assembly. It will set the pace for the high level advocacy by Heads of State and Government, in addition to considering the two documents mentioned above. The Meeting will be hosted and chaired by the AU Chairperson, H.E Dr. Boni Yayi, the President of Benin in his capacity as the Chairperson of AWA.

The outcome of the Action Committee Meeting will be presented to the AU Assembly for endorsement (see Provisional Agenda and Programme of Meeting of AWA Action Committee).

DOCUMENTS (available on the AU website):

Meeting of the AWA Consultative Experts Committee:

1. Provisional Agenda
2. Provisional Programme of Work
3. Draft Future Direction of AWA 2012-2015, and
4. Draft Shared Responsibilities and Global Solidarity for Africa's Response to HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria: Roadmap 2012-2015.

Meeting of the AWA Action Committee of Heads of State and Government

1. Provisional Agenda
2. Provisional Programme of Work
3. See documents for 19th Session of AU Assembly: document No: Assembly/AU/16(XIX).