

X. FUNDING OF AWA PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES

The implementation of AWA Strategies will be funded as follows:

- i. UNAIDS has provided funding for initial AWA revitalization activities in 2012, including recruitment of staff and the two annual Meetings.
- ii. Member States will be encouraged to support the activities and programmes of AWA through the AU regular budget, or other means.
 - Absorb staff into the regular AUC structure , which should also cover some other activities;
 - Meetings: after 2012, these should gradually be absorbed into the regular budget of the AUC, but would also still require the support of partners.
- iii. The UN family, international donor agencies and the private sector will be encouraged to provide additional support for:
 - Advocacy Missions: Members of the Action Committee and partners will sponsor themselves. Missions by Dignitary Envoys and Ministers will require support. It is envisaged that international partners will supplement the limited AU funding and also participate in the actual advocacy and mobilization efforts.
 - Public Private Partnerships such as the Global Health Progress (GHP) will be called upon to scale up the support for research and promotion of access to medicines in Africa.

VIII. AIDS WATCH AFRICA RESOURCE MOBILIZATION STRATEGY 2013-2015

A Resource Mobilization Strategy 2013-2015 will be developed to facilitate the mobilization of resources for:

- i. AWA programme and activities: The AWA Budget 2013-2015 has been developed and will be submitted to the AU Budgetary process for funding, as well as to external partners for support. As is the case with the AU Resource Mobilization Strategy, some of the activities will be funded by AU member States, others by development partners.
- ii. National health system strengthening, and for AIDS, TB and Malaria programmes
- iii. Funding initiatives such as the Global Fund, TB Drugs Facility, Affordable malaria medicines Facility, research and others requirements.

The Resource Mobilization Strategy will facilitate related action by AWA Heads of State and Government for both domestic and international resources. International partnerships towards this end will be strengthened.

IX. AIDS WATCH AFRICA COMMUNICATION STRATEGY 2012-2015

A Communication Strategy has been developed to guide AWA play its role of: advocacy for action, resources and accountability. In other words, this is the core of AWA objectives and activities. The Strategy includes objectives, key activities, target audiences, and communication channels, opportunities for advocacy as well as awareness-raising events, an implementation plan and an indicative budget. The roles of various stakeholders are also be spelt out.

X. AWA FOLLOW UP AND REPORTING MECHANISM

The following table outlines AWA follow up and reporting mechanism:

INSTITUTIONS	MECHANISMS
1. AU Assembly of Heads of State & Government	- The AWA Action Committee of Heads of State and Government will report annually to the regular AU Assembly on AWA activities 2012-2015. Relevant recommendations will be considered endorsed in form of summit decisions.
2. AWA Action Committee (of Heads of State & Government)	- The Consultative Experts Committee will report to AWA Action Committee on AWA direction and activities 2012-2015. - The Action Committee can initiate action and reports - Conference of AU Ministers of Health can also report to AWA Action Committee - Relevant AU Organs (NPCA, APRM, PAP) can report to Action Committee
3. AU Conf. of Ministers of Health (CAMH)	- AWA Consultative Committee can report to biennial Session to CAMH - CAMH can report directly to Action Committee e.g. on "Abuja Call"
4. AWA Consultative Experts Committee	- AWA Secretariat prepares action agenda and draft reports for AWA Action Committee - Other AU Organs can report to Consultative Experts Committee through AWA Secretariat or CAMH.
5. AWA Secretariat	- Coordinates activities and prepare draft reports, in collaboration with partners & stakeholders at various levels; - Coordinated partnerships and intra-AU cooperation/ collaboration - Convenes meetings of the tow AWA Committees; and CAMH sessions; - Coordinates follow up on recommendations of AWA Action Committee.

XI. RECOMMENDATIONS AND WAY FORWARD:

To realize the objectives of the revitalized AWA, the following recommendations are made:

1. The Draft Report on the Future Direction of AIDS Watch Africa (AWA) is approved for consideration by AWA Action Committee of Heads of State and Government. In this regard, the following are recommended:
 - i. After due consideration, it is recommended that AWA be open to all AU Member States be Members, but that each region selects a regional chairperson from the Action Committee of about 20 Members;
 - ii. It is proposed that the annual meetings of AWA Action Committee be held during the July Summit henceforth, that is, at the AU headquarters. Consultative Experts Committee Meetings will be convened at least two (02) months before the Action Committee Meeting.
 - iii. AWA will work in close collaboration with the AU Conference of Ministers of Health;
 - iv. Other AU organs will be involved in AWA activities and meetings as necessary;
 - v. Dignitary Observers or their representatives will participate in all AWA meetings and activities as observers and partners respectively.
2. As was approved by Decision No: Assembly/AU/Dec.395(XVIII), and in the spirit of taking full ownership, it is reiterated that the budget of AWA Secretariat should be included under the regular AU budget.
3. Through the leadership of AWA Action Committee, advocacy will be revived and improved, building on previous successes in mobilizing society, particularly towards prevention of these diseases. National campaigns for prevention, treatment, care and support should be revitalized and accountability promoted actively. The Experts of the Consultative Committee will ensure that public statements of respective Action Committee Members carry strong messages on HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria control.

4. AWA members will support the media and civil society organizations (CSOs) at national level to ensure that strong, correct and timely messages, as well as health services reach all communities. The Media and CSOs are also called upon to renew and intensify advocacy on the fight against AIDS, TB and Malaria.
5. Advocacy for Domestic and International Mobilization of Resources:
 - a. As was committed in the 2001 Abuja Declaration on HIV/AIDS, TB and other infectious diseases, AWA will advocate for long-term reliable and sustainable mobilization of domestic resources through agreed and recommended channels;
 - b. The African Development Bank and other regional financing initiatives are called upon to invest more in health and development in Africa.
 - c. Individually and collectively, AWA Members will continue to seek international support and to mobilize external resources aligned with national priority programmes and for the sustenance of contributions to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, plus the TB and Malaria Medicines facilities. Donor countries are urged to fulfill the target of 0.7% of their GNP as ODA to developing countries.
 - d. AWA will advocate for better planning, coordination and use of existing resources at national level;
6. The Roadmap on Shared Responsibility and Global Solidarity for Africa's Response to HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria 2012-2015 is approved for consideration by AWA Action Committee, in the spirit of national, regional and international partnerships on health in Africa, including the three diseases. In this regard, AWA will advocate for new health financing partnerships, initiatives to promote access to affordable medicines and commodities, and promote innovative approaches to health governance and accountability. The international community is called upon to express solidarity with Africa and play its role, so that together, the burden of AIDS, TB and Malaria in Africa can be contained by 2015.
7. To speed up implementation and follow up on the above recommendations, the following actions will be undertaken:
 - a. The AU Commission is requested to ensure that this Communiqué, and the Reports and recommendations on the Future Direction of AWA and the 'Roadmap on Shared Responsibility' are disseminated widely to stakeholders for implementation, and to coordinate follow up and reporting;
 - b. A Special Session of AWA Action Committee Heads of State and Government is proposed in 2012/13 to provide a better chance for dialogue to share updates on progress and challenges faced by AWA, and agree on the way forward for intense advocacy between now and 2015;
 - c. The RECs and other regional and international partners are requested to continue cooperating with and provide necessary support to this process;
 - e. The AWA Action Committee will undertake advocacy for resource mobilization and acceleration of implementation at global and regional high level forums on review of MDGs, as well as HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria;
 - f. The AWA Secretariat and the AWA Consultative Experts Committee, in collaboration with partners, will coordinate this process, keep AWA Action Committee updated, and also submit progress reports to its Annual Meetings.