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What: -Opening Session of the AIDS Watch Africa Meeting of Heads of State Government

-Press Conference on the outcome of the meeting

When: 14 June 2015

Opening session: 13:00-13:15 hrs **Press conference**: 15:00- 15:30 hrs

Where:

Opening session: Exhibition 1, Ground Floor Press Conference: Level -2, Sandton Convention Centre

Why: African Heads of State and Government will meet to consider the report of AIDS Watch Africa Member States Experts on AIDS, TB and Malaria responses. The report of the AIDS Watch Africa (AWA) experts highlights key progress and challenges in the implementation of the AU Roadmap and provides key recommendations for addressing AIDS, TB and Malaria.

Who:

Opening Session

- Chairperson of the African Union
- African Heads of State and Government
- Key development partners

Press Conference

H.E. Dr. Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko, **Commissioner for Social Affairs of the AU Commission**-Outcome of the AWA Experts Meeting in Africa

Hon. Dr. David Parirenyatwa, Minister of Health and Child Care, Republic of Zimbabwe, Role of AIDS Watch Africa in advocating for AIDS, TB and malaria responses

Mr Michel Sidibe, UNAIDS Executive Director- What it takes to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030 in Africa

Dr. Mark Dybul, Global Fund, Executive Director- The importance of Domestic Financing for Health and Global Fund Replenishment

Ms. Joy Phumaphi, ALMA Executive Director- Defeating malaria in Africa

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About AIDS Watch Africa

Created at the Abuja 2001 Special Summit, AIDS Watch Africa (AWA) is an Africa-led instrument to stimulate leaders into action and mobilize the resources needed to address AIDS, TB and Malaria in an effective, sustainable and accountable manner. Learn more at <u>www.aidswatchafrica.org</u>